

# SBC WMU Has Staff Reorganization

BIRMINGHAM (BP)—The national office of the Woman's Missionary Union, Southern Baptist Convention auxiliary, has announced a staff reorganization and the employment of Lawrence E. Webb as the first male supervisor of professional personnel in its history.

The reorganization was announced here by Mrs. R. L. Mathis, WMU president, and Miss Carolyn Weatherford, new WMU executive secretary.

Earlier announcement was made to WMU employees before Miss Alma Hunt, WMU executive secretary for 26 years, retired October 5. The WMU executive board authorized the reorganization and personnel changes after a nine month study by its finance and personnel committee, chaired by Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory of Danville, Va., president of the Virginia WMU.

The committee worked with Miss Hunt, Miss Weatherford and a management consultant firm before recommending the new structure.

Mrs. Lee N. (Catherine) Allen, who had been director of public relations, and Miss Jane Whitlow, former education division director, were named assistants to the executive secretary. Mrs. Allen will direct employee and public relations and Miss Whitlow will direct planning and research.

The education division will be headed by Miss Bobbie Sorrell, who had

supervised the general WMU administration department. Age group departments within the division have been reconstructed into a promotion department and an editorial department.

Webb, associate pastor in education and youth for First Baptist Church, Toccoa, Ga., will head the editorial department, which consists of editors and artists of WMU's publications. Webb, former public relations secretary for the Georgia Baptist Convention, is the only new employee named in the reorganization.

Miss Adrienne Bonham, former supervisor of the adult department,

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Rev. G. Barry Landrum



Conrad Howell



Charles M. Roselle



Ed Seabough



Dr. Clyde Fant

## Students To Meet In Hattiesburg Nov. 8-10

Up to 1000 Mississippi Baptist college students are expected to attend the fiftieth State Baptist Student Convention to be held at the First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Nov. 8-10.

Rev. Ralph B. Winders, Jackson, director of the Department of Student Work sponsor, said that students would attend from more than 30 schools and colleges in the state.

Conrad Howell, student at Wm. Carey College, and president of the State Baptist Student Convention, will preside.

Principal speakers will be Rev. G. Barry Landrum, pastor of First Baptist Church, Greenville; Charles M. Roselle, secretary, National Student Ministries, Sunday School Board, Nashville; Ed Seabough, associate secretary, Department of Missionary Personnel, Home Mission Board, Atlanta; and Rev. Jim Slack, missionary to The Philippines.

Dr. Clyde Fant, professor of preaching, Southwestern Seminary, Fort

Worth, Texas, will be Bible study leader.

"Sharing His Love" will be the convention theme.

The convention will get underway Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock and close at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, with the Sunday morning service to be held in Thomas Auditorium at Carey College.

The keynote address will be delivered Friday evening by Mr. Landrum on "The Christ We Share," with the theme interpretation to be given by the Carey College BSU.

There will be conferences Saturday

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## FMB Sets \$45 Million Budget

RICHMOND (BP)—The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, in its major meeting of the year, voted a \$45,532,061 budget, approved the division of South America into two new administrative areas and appointed 27 missionaries.

The board also appropriated \$100,000 from 1974 Cooperative Program challenge funds to serve as a fund for relief needs throughout the world. An additional \$10,000 was designated for relief in Honduras.

At the same time, the board recognized that additional information needs to be communicated with Southern Baptists about the Foreign Mission Board's role as a channel for relief funds to needy areas of the world.

In addition, the board heard reports from its executive secretary, area secretaries and a summary of

the results of a recently conducted foreign missions awareness survey.

The 1975 budget exceeds that of 1974 by \$3,106,777. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, explained, "This \$45 million budget on the one hand is a very joyful one because it tells a story of continued outreach in 81 countries. It's a sad budget on the other hand because it tells a story of what inflation is doing."

"It takes more money to do what we did last year because of inflation," he continued. "Our problem is threefold. We have inflation in the United States, equally severe if not more severe inflation in the countries where we have work, plus the declining purchasing power of the American dollar abroad."

Cauthen emphasized to board members that over 90% of the budget

will be used overseas while less than 10% will be spent for administrative and promotional purposes.

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## CHURCH LIBRARY WORKSHOP TO BE HELD AT FIRST, BROOKHAVEN NOV. 1-2

The third annual workshop of the Mississippi Baptist Church Library Association will be held at the First Baptist Church in Brookhaven Nov. 1-2, according to Mrs. W. H. Hight, Louisville, president.

(Due to a typographical error, the Baptist Record in a page one story last week, stated that the meeting would be held Nov. 12 instead of the correct dates, Nov. 1-2.)

Mrs. Hight urges every church to send as many of its library workers as possible to the workshop, which will begin Friday at 1 p.m. and close at noon Saturday.

## Mrs. Sibyl Warren Named Dean At BMC

Mrs. Sibyl Brame Warren, a former Dean of Women at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and a former director of staff activities at Ridgecrest, N. C. Baptist Assembly, has been named the new Dean of Students at Blue Mountain College, according to an announcement made by BMC President E. Harold Fisher.

The new Dean of Students was born in Yazoo City, Miss., and is a graduate of Blue Mountain College. She has served on the faculty and staff before, teaching in the English Department and then holding the position of Alumnae Secretary.

Mrs. Warren assumed her new duties October 1, 1974 and comes to Blue Mountain from Charlotte, N.C. where she was active in the Sharon Baptist Church. The church was founded by her late husband, Dr. C. C. Warren who was a former President of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Warren was recognized as one of seven outstanding Alumnae of Blue Mountain College during Centennial celebration activities this spring at the school. She was the founder of the Living Endowment Fund for Blue Mountain during her service as Alumnae Secretary.

For the past eight years she has been the lone woman serving on the Board of Trustees of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. President Fisher noted, "Blue Mountain College is most fortunate in having Sibyl Warren as the new Dean of Students and I know that she will make many lasting contributions through her Christian dedication and experience to the school."

## Baptist Agency, President Ford Conflict On Tax Aid

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP)—The views of President Gerald Ford and those of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs on federal aid to parochial schools came into open conflict on the same day here.

At its semi-annual meeting the Baptist Joint Committee instructed its staff to oppose tax credits for contributions to religious bodies. It called for an in-depth study and analysis of the principles involved in such position on tax credits.

President Ford requesting a meeting with him during its October session. Wood explained in his letter to the President that this request for a consultation was in line with his announced plans to keep open the lines of communication between citizens groups and the White House.

In turning down the Baptist request for a meeting with the President at this time, the White House assured Wood that there is a possibility of a consultation sometime after the first of the year.

including the Southern Baptist Convention. It is authorized "to act in the field of public affairs whenever the interests or rights of the cooperating conventions which constitute the committee call for conference or negotiation" with governments.

The committee specifically instructed its staff to oppose a bill (or any similar proposal) introduced in Congress by Rep. H. John Heinz (R-Pa.). Heinz would provide to taxpayers tax credits for religious and charitable contributions. Under the bill, taxpayers could choose

contributions, whichever is most beneficial to each taxpayer.

Heinz, who first introduced his bill June 28 and reintroduced it on Sept. 25, explained his objective by saying that it would "provide a badly needed boost to American taxpayers and to American churches and charitable organizations in the continuing struggle against inflation."

Earlier, Wood attacked the Heinz proposal as violative of the voluntary principle in church support by substituting financial aid to churches by governmental action. Wood made a

## Honduras Relief Actions Reported

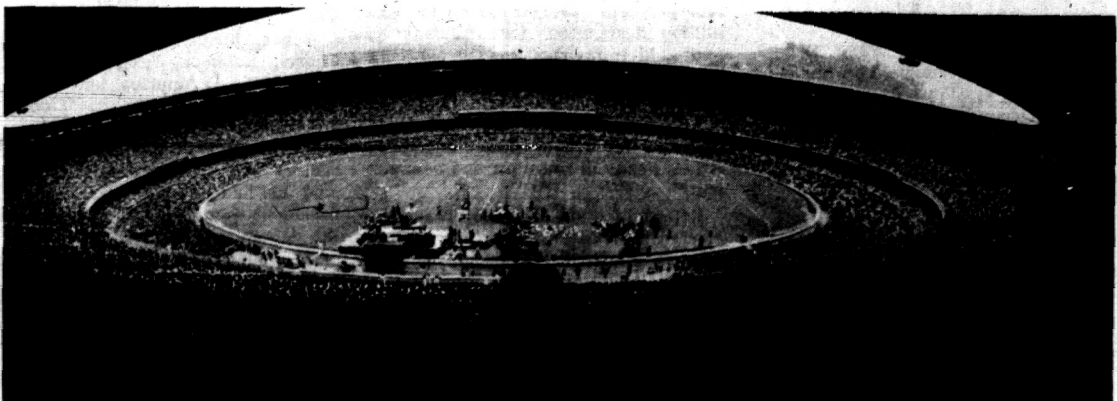
SAN PEDRO SULA, Honduras (BP) — Long-range disaster relief is a priority in the minds of Southern Baptist missionaries and national Baptists in Honduras several weeks after Hurricane Fifi devastated much of the northern coast of the country.

Within hours after the hurricane struck, every Southern Baptist missionary in the country was mobilized to help, according to A. Clark Scanlon, Foreign Mission Board field representative for Middle America, who saw the immediate disaster relief first hand as he traveled by helicopter with missionaries on relief trips.

The executive committee of the Honduras Baptist Convention asked all churches and missions to organize emergency committees to collect money, food and clothing. Among the victims are some church members who lost family members in the winds and floods, as well as many who lost everything they owned.

In two or three months, the real effect of Fifi will be felt, according to

## Record 225,000 At Closing Service Of Graham Brazil Crusade



dience. It was the first time in the nation's history that an evangelistic meeting had been carried live throughout the country. Stations carrying the network program serve 1,500 cities.

Brazilians with access to television usually spend Sunday afternoons watching soccer games. No game was scheduled on the Crusade Sunday, however. Brazilians were expected to be at their television sets even though there was no game, since one of their countrymen was scheduled to drive to victory in the televised car race at Watkins Glen in the time slot following the Crusade.

In his closing sermon Graham said, "Very few countries are identified with the cross as is the great country of Brazil." He noted that the first colonists erected a cross on the nation's shore when they landed. One of Brazil's most famous symbols abroad is the cross shaped statue of Christ the Redeemer overlooking Rio. Church steeples everywhere are topped with crosses, and most of the people wear crosses, he said.

The North Carolina evangelist urged members of the vast congregation to turn to the living Christ for a solution to their problems. "The

Billy Graham's Rio de Janeiro, Brazil crusade meeting in Maracana, the world's largest stadium, drew 225,000 on the closing day. The Sunday afternoon crowd was described by Graham as the largest crowd to attend an evangelistic meeting in either North or South America. The evangelist also had an unprecedented... for Brazil... live television audience—Crusade Information Services Photo by Russ Busby.

## Excess Offering Funds Set For Evangelism, Missions

ATLANTA (BP) — Responding to convention expressions for increased emphasis on evangelism, the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here ticketed some \$630,000 of the 1975 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for evangelism projects. The board also voted to use all funds received over the offering's \$8.5 million goal for evangelism and missions needs.

Evangelism-oriented matters, including a call to win America for Christ now by Southern Baptist Convention president Jaroy Weber, dominated the agenda of the fall meeting of the board.

But in other actions the directors on church loans, approved new salary voted to increase the interest rate

guidelines for staff members and missionaries, appointed 26 missionaries and missionary associates and honored executive director-treasurer Arthur B. Rutledge for 10 years at the board's helm.

They also honored three retiring staff members and accepted the resignation of another, heard plans for Home Mission Board projects in observing the nation's bicentennial and approved themes for a bold mission thrust, 1976-79.

The directors voted to distribute the 1975 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering as follows, if the \$8.5 million goal is met.

\$5.9 million for missionaries and field ministries;

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## University Of Mississippi

## Baptist Student Center Dedication Set

The 5,300 - square - foot Baptist Student Center at the University of

Mississippi will be dedicated in ceremonies beginning at 3 p.m. on Oct.



STUDENT CENTER DEDICATION—The recently purchased and remodeled student center at the University of Mississippi will be dedicated Oct. 20.

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Dr. Harold T. Bryson, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and pastor of the First Baptist Church, Carthage, will bring dedication thoughts.

The building was purchased two years ago from Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Sturrock by the Convention Board. It has had extensive remodeling to make it usable for a student center. Total outlay for the building, the remodeling, the equipment, and the furnishings was \$93,000.

The center is located at University Avenue and 5th Street in Oxford. Open house will be held from 10 to 12 a.m. and from 4 to 6 p.m. Oct. 19 and from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Oct. 20.

Edward S. Rollins, department manager for National Student Ministries of the Sunday School Board in Nashville, will speak on "The Baptist Student Center and the Denomination." Clay Moore, the University of Mississippi BSU president, will

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# Foreign Board Sets \$45 Million Budget

The division of South America into two administrative areas will be effective Jan. 1, 1975. The new areas, divided by the Andes Mountains, are Western Southern America and Eastern South America.

The western division includes Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Chile. Frank K. Means, now secretary for South America, will become secretary for Eastern South America, including Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina and Paraguay.

The board's president, W. O. Vaughn, will appoint an area committee to oversee the work of Western South America and to recommend a secretary for work in that area. Means will continue to work with both areas until a new secretary is elected.

Charles W. Bryan, secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean, presented an encouraging report about Baptist response after Hurricane Fifi hit the Caribbean coast of Honduras. He told of immediate steps missionaries took to help the survivors with medical, food and shelter needs and of the board's role in providing resources for relief efforts.

Bryan suggested the need for even quicker, more thorough response. "The Foreign Mission Board desperately needs a disaster response procedure to better meet needs in time of disaster abroad," he said.

Jesse C. Fletcher, director of the mission support division, reported on a recently completed telephone survey designed to measure foreign missions

awareness and attitudes among members of Southern Baptist churches.

The survey, conducted by an independent research organization commissioned by the Foreign Mission Board, involved 1,022 interviews among members of 100 churches. Both churches and interviewees were selected on a random basis.

Strong support of foreign missions was evident in the survey results, Fletcher said.

Among the findings, he reported that the pastor is the most frequently mentioned source of foreign missions information, followed closely by Woman's Missionary Union and state Baptist papers. Findings also revealed that 90% of those surveyed believe foreign missions deserves continued

support by church members; that one-third of the interviewees indicated they receive too little information about foreign missions, especially in the area of board finances; and that awareness and support of foreign missions is strongest among church leaders.

"We are encouraged by the general support of foreign missions evident in the survey," Fletcher said. "However, we also recognize some areas of information sharing where improvement is needed, and we will devote our efforts to correcting these areas of deficiency."

In honor of Miss Alma Hunt, recently retired as executive secretary of the Southern Baptist service in that position.

## News Briefs

## In The World Of Religion

**BOSTON** — A Jesuit publication in New England has suggested that Catholic authorities in Rome are seeking to reinforce church discipline and the effort will include the removal of all priests from politics; but Richard Cleary, provincial superior in Boston, has said he has granted Rep. Robert F. Drinan (D-Mass.), a Jesuit priest, permission "to carry on his work as a member of the U. S. House of Representatives."

**COLUMBIA, S. C.** — A special committee will recommend to the South Carolina Baptist Convention next month the purchase of a 740-acre site 6½ miles north of Winnsboro, S. C., as a state-wide conference center for the price of \$368,000.

**DETROIT** — Some 50,000 delegates are expected to attend the 29th annual Mid-America Sunday School Convention Nov. 7-9 in Detroit. The convention is sponsored by the Mid-America Sunday School Association, a division of the International Christian Education Association.

**WASHINGTON, D. C.** — Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) has been elected president of the National Cathedral Association, an 8,000-member organization which helps finance the unfinished Episcopal cathedral's national program. A three-year \$1 million project has been undertaken for a west front gallery that would be on a level with the top of the Washington Monument.

**LOS ANGELES** — Herbert J. Ryan, a Roman Catholic member of the International Anglican-Catholic theological dialogue, has said that "if the Episcopal Church were to officially approve the ordination of women to the priesthood it would be a 'very severe barrier' to unity between the two churches, which is the goal of a 20-member theological commission."

**NEW YORK** — The Women's Ecumenical Coordinating Group, which embraces women religious leaders from the Roman Catholic Church and 14 Protestant denominations, has unanimously endorsed the ordinations of 11 Episcopal women to the priesthood, which has been declared invalid by the Episcopal House of Bishops.

**COLORADO SPRINGS** — Travelers on Braniff International, Texas International, and Southwest Airlines are being presented copies of The Highest Flight New Testament through the High Flight Foundation, which was founded by former astronaut James Irwin.

**WASHINGTON, D. C.** — William Cameron Townsend, founder of the Wycliffe Bible Translators, has received the 1974 Nelson Bible Award

(termed by some the highest honor in the religious field) and Honor Citation Award for 1974 for his work in Bible translation over the past 40 years.

**NEWPORT, Wales** — A massive evangelical campaign, "Wales for Christ, 1975," is expected to draw the support and participation of almost all religious bodies.

**VATICAN CITY** — Hope for the future of the Roman Catholic Church and Christianity in general in Communist North Vietnam was voiced at the Roman Catholic Synod of Bishops by Coadjutor Archbishop Joseph - Marie Trinh Van Can of Hanoi representing the Catholic Bishops' Conference in North Vietnam.

**NEW YORK** — The Salvation Army is finalizing details that will send a disaster hospital from Birmingham, Ala., to Honduras, donated by Alabama through Gov. George Wallace.

**NEW YORK** — Sen. Edward Brooke, (R-Mass.) has been honored by the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship because Brooke was instrumental in obtaining a \$1 million appropriation from the U. S. Congress for the late Albert Schweitzer's jungle hospital in Gabon, the first time a non-American hospital has received a direct-line grant from the U. S. Government.

**GETTYSBURG, Pa.** — The First copy of the Eisenhower Memorial Edition of the New Testament has been given to the Mrs. Eisenhower by the American Bible Society. It will be issued to servicemen and veterans in hospitals.

**WASHINGTON, D. C.** — Serious crime in the United States rose 16 per cent during the first six months of 1974, according to a report by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In Southern states the rise was 21 per cent.

**CHARLESTON, W. Va.** — Charles Quigley, principal of the Cathedral of Prayer Christian School, has declared that he has prayed that "God will strike three members of the Kanawha County Board of Education dead." This is the West Virginia area where an English text book is being challenged as anti-Christian and anti-American.

**RICHMOND** — A Southern Baptist missionary on furlough in Texas became a valuable link with Honduras after Hurricane Fifi struck through ham radio operations. He is Hoyt Roberts, who serves as a field evangelist in La Ceiba, Honduras.

## SBC Foreign Missions Work Approaches Million Members

**RICHMOND (BP)** — The first million is the hardest to get, but, at the present rate of growth, churches overseas related to the 129-year-old efforts of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board should surpass that mark in membership in 1977.

That is the conservative dimension of a statistical projection by Ronald C. Hill, a missionary to Thailand since 1962, in an article he wrote for the October issue of The Commission, the Foreign Mission Board's monthly magazine.

Hill describes that anticipated historic milestone as "the takeoff point" for accelerated growth in the work of the world's greatest evangelical missionary sending organization.

During the past two decades, he reports, churches related to Southern Baptist foreign missions have nearly doubled in membership.

At the beginning of 1953, churches on the foreign field had 195,067 members. That accelerated 87% to 364,943 by 1963, and then went up another 121% to 807,356 through 1973, according to the latest available figures.

"Projecting the present growth rate into the future presents a breathtaking challenge," says Hill, who assisted Joseph B. Underwood, Foreign Mission Board consultant for evangelism and church growth, during a furlough from Thailand.

"If Baptists (abroad) continue to baptize... (more than) 50,000 a year as during the past decade, the first million should be reached by 1977 and, by the year 2000, the second million."

"If, however, the momentum could be maintained of doubling every decade, a different picture would emerge."

Considering 1977 as the takeoff year, the two million mark would be reached by 1987... and four million by... 2000," Hill says.

"While such growth and such a projection are exciting, the situation is not out of the ordinary in today's mission fields," continued Hill, citing a 1970 study by David Barrett, published in International Review of Missions, which shows mission field churches "are growing at a much faster rate in traditional mission lands in the West."

Hill said Barrett, an ecumenical research executive, predicted more Christians will live in the "Third World" than in Europe and North America by 2000.

A comparison of statistics from the Southern Baptist foreign mission fields (where 2,554 missionaries now work in 81 countries) and from Southern Baptist work in the United States corresponds with Barrett's study.

In the past 20 years, churches on the foreign mission field related to Southern Baptist work have increased more than 300%, rising from 2,201 at the end of 1953 to 6,907 at the end of 1973.

Membership during that time has almost quadrupled, from 214,767 at the end of 1953 to 807,356 at the end of 1973.

Meanwhile in the United States, churches in the SBC, the nation's largest Protestant-evangelical denomination, showed only a 17.5% increase from 29,466 to 34,667. Membership increased more than 4.4 million, from 7,886,016 at the end of 1963 to 12,297,346 at the end of 1973. That represents a 55.9% increase.

The annual average growth rate in

members has shown a 7.4% increase each year on the mission field, but just 2.8% in SBC churches at home.

Foreign mission field totals are not included in SBC statistics. The SBC sends missionaries and millions of dollars to develop and support indigenous churches and leadership, but mission field conventions are not identified as Southern Baptist. They bear the indigenous name, such as Kenya Baptist Convention.

The baptism category provides another comparison. In 1963, Baptist churches abroad baptized 20,326 — a ratio of one baptism to every 10.57 members. In 1973, a record 62,151 foreign field baptisms represented a one to 12.99 ratio.

Although SBC churches baptized 361,835 persons in 1973, that represented a ratio of one baptism to 21.8 members, twice the members for the same result overseas.

The 1973 figures show the SBC churches here baptized 413,990 — a ratio of one to 29.7, a much more rapid decline in ratio than overseas.

But Hill notes that "rejoicing must be tempered by sobering facts." The average annual membership growth rate in the overseas churches (more than 7%) is more than three times that of the world's population (2%), but the gap is not closing fast enough, he says.

"Even if we are able to win four million to discipleship by 2000 A. D., what of the projected four billion that still will be non-Christian by then? Is the goal of doubling every decade enough?" — (Adapted from the October, 1974 issue of The Commission, the Foreign Mission Board's monthly magazine.)

## BYW Retreat At Garaywa, October 18-19

A special weekend for Baptist Young Women in Mississippi will be conducted Friday and Saturday of this week. The theme for the retreat, Share His Love Now, is the same as the Southern Baptist Convention emphasis for 1974-1975.

This emphasis on sharing the love of Christ with others in the world today will be brought out in all aspects of the program. Mrs. J. H. Street of Newton will be leading a time of Sharing His Love Through His Word, a period of Bible study.

Mrs. James Fancher, author and writer for The Baptist Record, will have a session of informal question and answer time during which she will discuss one of her books, THE CHRISTIAN WOMAN IN THE CHRISTIAN HOME. Another author, Mrs. Martha Nelson, of Pelahatchie, will also have an informal session in which she will talk about one of her books, THE CHRISTIAN WOMAN IN THE WORKING WORLD.

Other features of the program will be the sharing of missions information by Mrs. Jean Jacobs, missionary to Guyana, and Rev. Herbert Retts, missionary to the Spanish-speaking in Mississippi.

Periods of fellowship, sharing through music and drama, missionary information — all will be part of the BYW Retreat.

For registration for the retreat, contact Frances Shaw, Woman's Missionary Union, telephone 354-3704.

## Students To Meet

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morning and afternoon. The following are for one session only: "What do I need to consider to determine whether I should apply for student summer missions?" and "Discover the will of God for me." Mr. Seabough; "The relevancy of the Old Testament to the New Testament" and "Benefits of and problems connected with different versions, translations, and paraphrases of the Bible." Dr. James L. Travis, professor of Bible, Blue Mountain College; "The gifts and working of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer." Dr. Bill B. Baker, pastor, First Baptist Church, Clinton; "Has foreign missions seen its best days?" and "What a foreign missionary — student, journeyman, or life vocational — really does and how he gets appointed," Mr. Slack.

The following conferences will be repeated morning and afternoon: "What a college student can do to get better legislation and government," Charles W. Pickering, attorney, Laurel, and member, Mississippi Senate; "Fiction, fact, feeling, and faith," Mr. Landrum; "The validity of the Christian gospel in the midst of religious pluralism," Dr. Graham Hales, chaplain and coordinator of religious activities, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg; "My responsibility as a church member and the responsibility of my church in the community," Mr. Roselle; "The Christian looks at death," Dr. Duane Burgess, psychiatrist, Hattiesburg, and Rev. Gordon Shamburger, chaplain, Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Jackson.

At the business session the Student Missions Committee will recommend a 1975 goal of \$23,000 to cover the cost of sending five students to foreign mission locations and thirty-one to home mission fields plus a sum to be used for sending teams on project during college holidays.

Selected 1974 summer missionaries will report to the various sessions and there will be other testimonies on "Sharing His Love on My Campus."

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—\$1.3 million for special projects; —\$1.3 million for advance in critical areas.

Evangelism projects would receive four per cent (\$240,000) from the \$5.9 million designated for missionaries and field ministries and 30 per cent (\$390,000) of the \$1.3 million for advance in critical areas.

All over the \$8.5 million goal would be used "for urgent unmet field ministries needs in missions and evangelism."

Robert M. Saul of Waco, Tex., was elected to head the department of lay witness ministries. President of Religious Communications Corporation of Waco, Saul is a native of Quitaque, Tex., and is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco.

He has been pastor of churches in Otto and Bruceville, Tex., and formerly served as a consultant in lay evangelism for the Home Mission Board. He has directed some 55 evangelistic crusades and was one of the original 40 men who did initial work on the board's Witness Involvement Now (WIN) lay witness materials. He has conducted more than 50 lay evangelism schools in 10 states. Themes approved for the bold missions thrust emphases were: "Let every person in our land have an opportunity to hear and accept the gospel of Jesus Christ" and "Let every person in our land have an opportunity to share in the witness and ministry of a New Testament fellowship of believers."

Directors authorized another new position in the division of evangelism, creating the position of director of evangelism planning and consultative services. The person named to the position will assist state conventions in planning evangelism programs and emphases.

A three-man committee evaluating the place of evangelism in the

Students so desiring will be furnished lodging in Baptist homes in Hattiesburg and will make reservations through their BSU Directors. Most motels have offered special convention rates and reservations are to be made directly with the motels.

board's structure has held a preliminary meeting and will meet again in November. Members are directors Carl Bates of Charlotte, N. C.; Alfred B. Coyle of Memphis, Tenn.; and Landrum P. Leavell of Wichita Falls, Tex.

Weber, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Tex., continued the same "Win America for Christ" theme he has made in recent addresses to other SBC agencies.

Speaking at a luncheon for the directors and board personnel, Weber said he had two objectives as SBC president — to honor Christ and help the denomination.

"We ought to believe our denomination can reach America for Christ in our lifetime," he said, "and now is the time to do it. If we are going to win America for Christ it needs to be done now. America is dying."

Honored on their upcoming retirement at the end of this year were

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talk on "The Student and the Baptist Student Center." A former BSU director at the University of Mississippi, Miss Marian Leavell, will speak on "Remembering Our Past."

"The Baptist Student Center and the University of Mississippi" will be discussed by Dr. Franklin E. Moak, the dean of the Division of Student Personnel at the University.

The Baptist Student Union Ensemble will perform, and the dedication pledge will be led by the Rev. Ron Boswell, the BSU director. Two members of the U of M BSU advisory committee will appear on the program. Dr. Larry B. Grant, director of the North Mississippi Retardation Center, will read the scripture. Dr. Sylvester A. Moorhead, dean of the School of Education, U of M, will pronounce the benediction.

The invocation will be delivered by Mrs. Mary Libby Payne, assistant attorney general for the State of Mississippi.

The complete remodeling of the building included all new mechanical, electrical, and plumbing equipment and an apartment for a couple on the second floor.

W. L. Brown, deputy director of the division of chaplaincy since 1962; Victor Glass, director of the department of cooperative ministries with National Baptists since 1965; and L. D. Wood, assistant director of the department of language missions since 1966.

The directors accepted the resignation of Roy Owen, associate director of the division of associational services. Owen has been named assistant executive secretary for the Colorado Baptist General Convention.

A multi-media presentation at the luncheon honoring Rutledge highlighted his concerns and the accomplishments of the board during his decade of service. It was climaxed by a presentation of a bat and ball, a photograph by Atlanta Braves' homerun champion, Henry Aaron. The presentation to Rutledge, an avowed Braves fan, was made by Alfreda Aaron Scott, Hank's sister and librarian at the board offices.

The church loans interest rate was hiked from 8.5 per cent to a "break even rate" of 9 per cent. The directors authorized the borrowing of \$2 million from the Georgia teachers retirement system at 11.5 per cent to provide funds for loans.

The 11.5 per cent rate prompted the hike. The 9 per cent rate to churches will be subsidized from other interest income.

Areas of Home Mission Concern, Interest Aired

**By Toby Drain**  
**ATLANTA (BP)** — Everything from a "home console plug-in church" to the problems of support of the Anne Armstrong Easter Offering in a "no-cash society" were tossed into the idea hopper here in a brainstorming session at the close of the fall meeting of the directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

More than a dozen areas of concern and interest were cited in the idea session that followed a preview of trends predicted for the next 25 years by Orrin Morris, the board's regional coordinator.

Morris said today's high school senior will be about 42 years old in 25 years, working as a middle manager about six hours a day and four days a week, in a setting in which

over twice as many people will be retiring than will be entering the labor force.

"General population migration will continue toward coastal areas, the major urbanized regions and areas offering a combination of moderate climate, abundant resources, jobs and a variety of leisure time activities," he said. "The need to start new churches will continue to be a challenge."

Cities under 250,000 will be prime targets for growth, he said, and 95 per cent of a new housing in big cities will be apartments.

"Tensions in every day existence in the future in race relations, institutional survival, missions support, relief appeals related to famine and overpopulation will be equal or greater than the tensions currently being experienced," he said. "The ministry of reconciliation is the only hope."

Following Morris' presentation, the directors were asked to suggest "bold new steps" for home missions efforts during the final 25 years of the century.

In about 10 minutes the directors suggested more than a dozen areas for consideration, including:

—Cable television and the possibility of linking church members and churches;

—Ministry in apartments and condominiums;

—Home console, plug-in churches to enable members to participate at home;

—Regional centers of the Home Mission Board, instead of one central location;

—The use of small, maximum use, modular buildings;

—A liaison system with labor, black, scientific and radical groups;

—Need for financial planning to look to the day when church properties will be taxed;

—How the Anne Armstrong Easter Offering and other offerings will figure into a predicted "no-cash" society;

—The church as a place for refuge;

—Tapping the resources of the aging;

—A talent pool to make available and keep track of the talents of persons in a mobile society.

—Counseling or human resources;

—Ways to tap the missionary potential of volunteers such as in the board's Christian Service Corps;

—Research in how Baptists can engage in preventive type ministries to keep things from happening instead of ministries after they have happened.

## The Convention President Speaks

In the few words of this column today, I want to make an appeal. This appeal is not directly related to the Mississippi Baptist Convention nor is it related directly to a local church, but it is related to Christian citizenship.

I believe it is the responsibility of every Christian to be a good citizen. It seems to me that the scriptures teach that we as Christians are to obey the laws of the land, and be subject to our rulers. I also believe that the solution to inflation and economic crises and other related problems is found in each individual assuming personal responsibility. If I understand correctly, this is the appeal President Ford has made.

We have discovered the slower speed for automobiles not only reduces the consumption of fuel, but also saves lives. All of us alike have a moral obligation to cooperate in this area and not just stay within the speed limit when we think we will be caught.

My line of thinking also applies to selfishness and greed when it comes to comforts in the home, on the road, and elsewhere, as well as demands we make for higher and higher wages and then complain when things cost more. A deep conviction of mine is that we need to strive to reconcile production with pay. I do not believe blanket raises for any profession is the answer. Rather, pay ought to be comparable to production and responsibility. So long as we make demands and do not match them with equal responsibility, we are in trouble. — David Grant.

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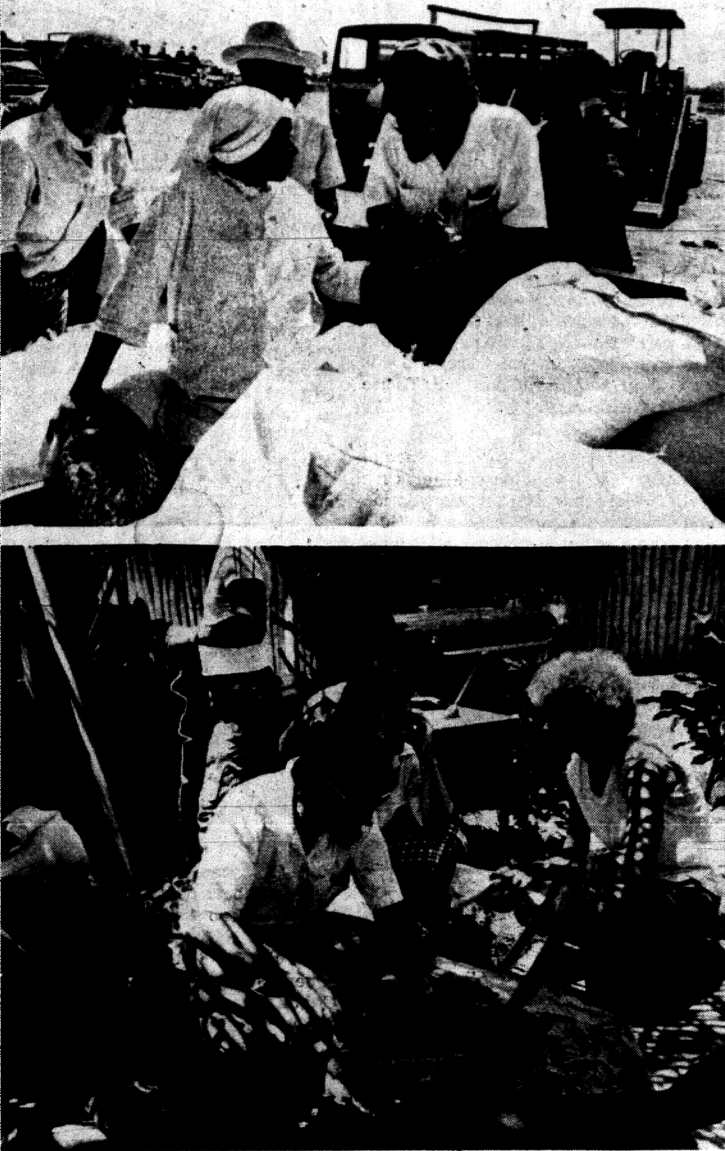


photo above Dr. David Harms, a Southern Baptist missionary doctor to Honduras, takes the pulse of a woman who was just airlifted from her home which was destroyed by Hurricane Fifi. In lower photo Dr. Harms examines the leg and foot of a disaster victim. To the right is his assisting nurse, Pat Odenburg. (U. S. Air Force Photos.)

## Bryan Reports On Plans For 1975 BWA Meeting

A special meeting at which plans were made for the forthcoming Congress of the BWA was held recently in Stockholm upon call of Dr. Robert J. Bryan, executive secretary of the Association.

Attending the special meeting in addition to Dr. Denny were Scandinavian Baptist leaders, representatives of the Stockholm Bureau and local hotels and five major operators of tours to the BWA meeting to be held in July, 1975.

Among the tour operators was Dr. Clyde C. Bryan, president of Bryan Tours, Inc., of Jackson.

Many important items were discussed by the group concerning the program, the hotel situation, costs, the transportation situation, and the need for a travel agency.

The BWA. He listed the following items of interest to Baptists and especially to those planning to attend the Congress in 1975:

American travel agents and operators have already requested more than 13,000 beds for the Congress. The hotels can provide only 8,000 for Americans. The outlook for attendance is excellent at this time.

Most all American travel operators have been waiting to print formal brochures until many factors could be settled, among which are the increasing airfares, the actual costs of hotels in Stockholm, and group bookings made on airlines. Any brochures printed prior to September are certainly already out of date due to several changes which have taken place recently. Tour members can expect reasonable increases in prices.

Some companies are already trying to sell tours to the BWA which do not have any rooms in Stockholm and are far down on the "waitlist" for space.

Stockholm is a city of about half a million, with beautiful water and harbor surroundings. However, the ma-

jestic mountain and fjord area of Scandinavia is in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland are all considered "Scandinavia."

Tour groups must stay in Stockholm 5 nights on the hotel reservations. The BWA has planned a most inspiring program which will also be augmented by sightseeing and special events. The registration fee of \$35 per person helps provide the program and also assists in making it possible for Baptists from some less prosperous nations to attend.

When signing for a tour, Baptists should make sure they are sending their deposits to reliable companies. The person selling the tour is not necessarily responsible for the money or the operation of the travel. A person should find out whether the tour is of a "char" or "profit" nature.

The Mississippi firm, Bryan Tours, plays a major role in the international meetings of Baptists. Also they are used by the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, in sending missionaries to more than 75 countries throughout the world.

### First Black SBC Chaplain

James A. Wilborn, Jr., recently took the oath of office in the USAF with James Kelly, recently retired director of the SBC Chaplains Commission, and William Clark, associate director, assisting at the ceremony.

Captain Wilborn, an Atlanta native, is the first black man to be endorsed by the Southern Baptist Convention. He began his first duty assignment in September at McCord AFB, Washington.

He is a graduate of Morehouse College and Interdenominational Theological Center. His father is pastor of Union Baptist Church in Atlanta, dually aligned with the SBC and the Progressive National Baptist Convention.

## SBC WMU Is Reorganized

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declined a supervisory position and asked to edit special publications for adults. She will serve in a new position as products editor in the editorial department.

Miss Evelyn Blount, former supervisor of the youth department, will direct the promotion department, made up of consultants for WMU's age-level organizations.

WMU's business division has also been reorganized. La Venia Neal, former business division director, has been named treasurer for the national office and will supervise accounting operations.

A newly created customer services division will include departments which handle subscriptions and other

literature orders. Miss Mary Hines will direct the division and coordinate mechanical production of WMU's publications.

Miss Hines served as supervisor of children and preschool work until recently, when she was named production manager.

Two former education division employees, Miss Bernice Elliot and Miss Doris DeVault, have been placed in the WMU's administration division. Miss Elliott will be Miss Weatherford's associate in new areas of Southern Baptist work, and Miss DeVault will be coordinator of special services, including WMU's library.

Webb, a native of Nolan, Tex., is not the first male employee of WMU,

# Honduras Relief Actions Are Reported

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lately small country, it is the second largest exporter of bananas in the world. In fact, the banana industry comprises about 50 per cent of the country's economy.

Of the two major producers, United Fruit Company lost 90 per cent of its crops and Standard Fruit Company, 75 per cent. The corn crop on the north coast, to be harvested in November, was also destroyed. Corn is the main staple in the diet of those in rural Honduras.

Scanlon says this will cause a real hunger crisis. The country is still living on the grain stored from earlier crops so this effect has not yet been felt. Scanlon said international aid is also slowing down since hurricane disaster is no longer in the headlines.

"The most liquid asset that can be used is money," Scanlon explained. "Any other materials that might be sent would have to be screened to determine what could be used."

Southern Baptist missionaries have been meeting almost nightly with Leslie G. Keyes, chairman of the mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in the country) to evaluate the activities of the day and plan for future involvement.

While missionaries are still engaged in emergency relief efforts — distributing food and clothing, giving medical attention, maintaining radio and phone contacts — the mission has discussed the possibility of concentrating Baptist efforts in one or two towns after the immediate crisis passes.

Cooperating with the Honduran government and other evangelical groups, Baptists would determine a single area on which to focus their attention. If this is done, Scanlon said, the strategy would be to help people rebuild homes, furnish kitchens, engage in a medical ministry and provide tools such as hammers, saws and machetes.

Dr. W. David Harms, medical missionary, was holding a weekly medical clinic in Mapulaca on the boarder of El Salvador, when the hurricane struck. Because the winds and rain made it impossible for the Missionary Aviation Fellowship pilot to pick him up on schedule, he offered his services by short-wave radio if a government helicopter could pick him up.

He and missionary nurse Frances Crawford were flown to Toco on the Caribbean coast. For a week, they gave inoculations and met other medical needs. Later, a helicopter picked up Miss Crawford and took her to Empacador, and Dr. Harms flew to San Pedro Sula where he took charge of receiving and distributing medicine for Christian groups working in Honduras.

### Medical Personnel Enlisted

RICHMOND (BP) — In response to needs for medical personnel following the massive destruction by Hurricane Fifi which hit Honduras Sept. 10, six Baptist physicians and nurses have volunteered in that Central American country.

Sponsored by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, they will work in San Pedro Sula with Dr. W. David Harms, Southern Baptist medical missionary to Honduras. They will help in a section of the city designated for Baptist relief efforts by the Honduran government.

Dr. Wilbur C. Lewis and his wife, a nurse, from Oklahoma City, Okla., will be leaving immediately. Dr. William J. Bickers from Memphis, Tenn., will arrive later in October. Dr. Bickers and Dr. and Mrs. Lewis are former Southern Baptist medical missionaries to Paraguay.

A Southern Baptist medical missionary to Paraguay, Dr. William Skinner, will also arrive in Honduras from Paraguay.

A team of physicians from Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, N. C., the only Baptist medical school in the United States, will also assist the Honduras missionaries. Dr. John Denham, Dr. Richard Sterba and Dr. Michael Roberts are making plans to leave for Honduras.

Plans are being finalized concern-

ing the possibility of additional aid from several doctors from the Mexico - American Hospital, a Baptist hospital in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Medical relief volunteers are being coordinated through the office of the Foreign Mission Board's medical consultant, Dr. Franklin T. Fowler.

Texas Baptists Dispatch Disaster Unit to Honduras

DALLAS (BP) — A disaster relief mobile unit, laden with emergency supplies, has left here with an eight-man task force to minister to flood and storm victims in hurricane-ravaged Honduras.

The unit, owned and operated by the Baptist General Convention of Texas, can serve up to 12,000 meals

per day and will stay in Honduras as long as needed.

The self-contained tractor-trailer rig has a complete kitchen, refrigeration, generators capable of running a hospital, shortwave radio equipment, water supply, first aid equipment, crew living facilities, boat trailer and tools.

The crew and unit have been ready to roll since Hurricane Fifi struck Honduras in mid-September and Mrs. Rosagentina Pinel Smith, Honduras consul in San Antonio, Tex., appealed to the two-million-member Texas Baptist convention for help.

Recent heavy rains have deluged Honduras, compounding the problems for the hard-hit country. With

the onslaught of rain, Mrs. Smith — a member of San Antonio's First Baptist Church — renewed her appeal.

"Texas Baptist associations and churches have an opportunity to provide minimal food needs that will spell the difference between life and death for vast numbers of people," said James H. Landes, Texas Baptist executive secretary.

The primary function of the emergency relief unit and crew will be to feed hungry and homeless people. The crew has stored food abroad the truck and arrangements have been made for additional purchases of food.

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## JOHN FREEMAN, PROMINENT SBC LEADER, PASSES

NASHVILLE (BP) — John D. Freeman Jr., 90, a prominent Southern Baptist pastor, editor and denominational leader, died in Baptist Hospital here, Oct. 11, after a brief illness.

He had been serving in retirement as senior minister at Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, at which he preached, during a Sunday observance by the church of his 90th birthday last February. He preached his last sermon at a Chattanooga, Tenn., church, Sept. 8.

A native of Allene, Ark., Freeman was former editor of the Baptist and Reflector, Tennessee's state Baptist newspaper, 1925-33, and of the Western Recorder, Kentucky's state Baptist newspaper, 1942-46.

During a long ministry, spanning 76 years since his 1914 ordination, he also served as executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, 1933-42, and field secretary for the rural department of the Southern Baptist Home Mission, Atlanta, from 1946 until his retirement in 1961.

Before joining the Baptist and Reflector, he had served as a missionary in southwest Arkansas, 1918-19; pastor in Springfield, Ky., 1919-23; and pastor of Belmont Heights Baptist Church, 1923-25, where he returned in 1960 as senior minister, concentrating on counseling and visitation.

He held numerous positions on boards of SBC agencies, was president of the Southern Baptist Press Association and chairman of Tennessee's first Interracial Committee.

Freeman, who earned degrees from the University of Arkansas, Duke University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, worked his way through college and seminary teaching science and history and serving as a high school principal.

He remained active after retirement, preaching many revivals, holding interim pastorates, continuing to author books and serving as a visiting Bible institute and seminary professor.

Funeral services were held at the church, with the pastor, Robert J. Norman, officiating. Burial was in Nashville at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. C. F. Fielden Jr. and Mrs. Perry M. White Jr., both of Atlanta, four brothers, one sister and six grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, contributions are requested for the Dr. and Mrs. John D. Freeman Scholarship Fund of Belmont College, a Baptist school in Nashville.

## 17 Missionaries To Be Featured In 'Foreign Mission Happening'

Seventeen missionaries will be featured in the October 21 "Great Foreign Mission Happening" on the William Carey College campus.

Beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Thomas auditorium, the Foreign Mission Board, SBC, will unite with William Carey College in presenting an exciting evening of colorful foreign mission emphasis. The 100-voice choir of the campus BSU will open the event with a parade of nations carrying handsome flags from around the world.

Dr. Sam DeBord, director of furloughing missionaries and support services for the Foreign Mission Board, will direct the activities. Also from Richmond will be Dr. DeBord's associate, Miss Edna Frances Dawkins, and Dr. James Belote, area secretary for East Asia. Representatives of the Foreign Mission Board will also be present.

West, former missionaries to Africa, West Africa.

Foreign missionaries who will be featured on the evening's program include Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Bethea of East Africa; Dr. and Mrs. Tom Kent, medical missionaries to Panama; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Olive, Philippines; Mr. and Mrs. John Jacobs, Middle America; Dr. and Mrs. Harry Raley, Taiwan; and Mr. and Mrs. Don Redmon from Costa Rica. Earlier in the day the list will also include Lewis Myers, furloughing missionary from Viet Nam.

The evening program will feature the William Carey College Chorale under the direction of Dr. Donald Winters, dean of the School of Music. Several "missionary kids" studying on the William Carey College campus and the University of Southern Mississippi campus will be included in the program.

"We hope to pack into this one evening," commented a spokesman for the school, "an experience for both young and old alike that would be reminiscent of a Foreign Missions week program at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly or Glorieta Baptist Assembly. It will also be as thrilling as a foreign mission appointment service."

In addition to furloughing missionaries and "missionary kids," music

appointees to medical work in India. The McNairs are presently involved in orientation for overseas service with numerous other appointees at Callaway Gardens in Georgia.

"It is hoped," said Dr. Ralph Noonkester, President of Carey College, "that church people of all denominations will come to Thomas auditorium in large numbers to become inspired and enthusiastic again over the challenge of the foreign mission field."

October, 1962, he led the church in a move which involved a relocation from its downtown location at 666 South Congress Street to its present site at 800 Raymond Road. Prior to that time he had led in earlier major building projects when the original church auditorium was raised and a basement added in 1949 and later a two story educational building was added. The present location consists of 15 acres and includes a two story plant with auditorium and educational area, a multi-purpose youth building, softball field and a multiple parking area. The church parsonage is located at 880 Raymond Road and joins the church property on the south west. In addition to the Sunday activities the church has a Kindergarten and Day Care Center along with other weekly activities.

Mr. Valentine has become known as a radio pastor through the ministry of the local church. Two services are broadcast each Sunday, one at 8:30 in the morning which has a wide coverage throughout the state, and the other at 7 in the evening.

Born in Laurel, Mississippi, he attended the Laurel City Schools, Clarke College, and had additional work at Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Mrs. Audrey McAlpin Hughes of Jackson and they have four children, Mrs. Ralph E. (Betty) Jackson, Sam W. Valentine, Jr., Jimmy Hughes and Charles Hughes, all of Jackson.

Under the leadership of Pastor Valentine, Southside Church has had an unusual ministry in the city. In

## Nine Area Meetings Set By Sunday School Department

Nine Area Training Meetings will be held November 4, 5, 7 for leaders of Adult Directors Clinics.

Selected leaders from each association have been enlisted and are working in conjunction with the Director of Missions or the Associational Sunday School Director and will set up Adult Directors Clinics in the association during the months of January and February, 1975, according to Rev. Bryant Cummings, Director of the Sunday School Department.

The Associational Adult Directors Clinic is designed to reach all of the Adult Directors in the association and the teachers from churches who are not departmentalized.

The objective is that the Adult Directors Clinics will help to foster and encourage more effective Adult Work in our churches.

## Correction In Special Day Figures

The Special Day Offering report in the September 19 issue of the Record should have also carried the following listing:

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This changes the total for Holmes Association to \$474.20.



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## EDITORIAL

### Is God Speaking To America?

Amos was a plain man's preacher. When he spoke, people could understand.

In his day of ministry, his nation was in trouble. Israel had known God's blessing, and had lived through prosperous days, but spiritual and moral decay had set in, and the nation was headed for a crisis. God's judgment was coming upon her because of her sins.

Amos saw all of this, and voiced clear warning to the people.

Listen to this mighty prophet of long ago:

"I have given you cleanness of teeth in your cities and want of bread in all your places; yet, have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord.

"And also I have withholden the rain from you, when there was yet three months to the harvest; and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one place was rained upon, and the place whereon it rained not, withered.

"So two or three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet, have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord.

"Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.

"For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the winds, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, the Lord, the God of hosts, is his name."

"Cleanness of teeth...  
"withholden the rain"...

"not satisfied"

Do not these words of centuries long past say something to us today?

Is history repeating itself, in our

country, and around the world?

So much is happening in our nation that we stand dumbfounded at what we see, and shocked and bewildered at what is taking place.

...a president falls because of moral decay within his administration.

...another man, who aspired to the presidential office, and who has been considered a contender, finds ambitions thwarted and probably dashed to ruins, because of charges of moral failure on his part.

...the wife of the same man, arrested for driving while under the influence of liquor.

...still another prominent member of Congress, involved in a bizarre case of public intoxication, that will may bring his able leadership to an end.

These are just a few of the disturbing things which have occurred in Washington, within the past weeks, and even days.

Similar shocking happenings are reported in other segments of our government and nation.

What is happening to America, morally and spiritually? We know of the economic crisis, but is there not crisis in these other areas too? Can such conditions exist without the judgment of God coming upon us? Will God have to deal with our land, as he did with Israel in the days of Amos? Or has that judgment already begun?

We begin to think that it may have begun when we look at other situations in the land. Long ago, Israel had "cleanness of teeth" and lack of "rain." Consider what is happening in America.

Even this year we have had floods which prevented planting of crops... drouths which burned up fields which were planted... frosts which have destroyed much that had grown. Government reports this week, reveal large

declines in production in many crop areas this year. Shortages are here now! Surpluses are gone! Officials reported last week, that our production may be so short this year, that we will have to limit and control exports of food. Weeks ago the report came that there was only 29 days food supply available.

Some of these figures are difficult to comprehend, yet they bring to mind that for the past decade some scientists have been saying that by 1975 the world would begin to run out of food. When such things were said, or written most of us scoffed in unbelief, but now we are beginning to take a second look. One crop failure can bring us to the brink of doom.

There are other shortages. The energy crisis is affecting almost every area of our lives... our homes, transportation, food, clothing, etc.

The economic crisis affects employment, building, business...

The moral crisis affects homes, schools, youth...

An international crisis is here, too, with clouds of war again hanging low...

What a day this is! Has it turned us back to God? I would like to say that it has, but for the nation as a whole, there is little evidence that it has done so.

Is there widespread revival?

Is there repentance and turning unto God?

God alone can bring us through the crises we now face!

Are we seeking him, turning to him, calling upon him?

Long ago, Israel did not listen when God spoke, and the result was that disaster came.

Are we following in her footsteps?

### The Lost Book

One of the most frustrating experiences which comes to one who lives with books, and by the things which are found in books, is to have a treasured book misplaced. Yet, it does happen!

Experience has taught us here at the Baptist Record office, not to let any book out, not even to our closest associates, without making a record concerning it. In that way we can remember where it is, and can send for it if it does not return in proper time, or if it is needed.

Despite this, books sometimes get away, and now one is missing. In this case we do not know where it is. If we loaned it to some friend, it evidently was done without making a note, so that it cannot be found. It is the book by H. E. Dana, "A Manual of Ecclesiology." The book is out of print, so we are very anxious for its return. If some friend

While we are saying those things, we wonder if they might serve as a reminder to others. Do you have books that you have borrowed and failed to return? Why not send them home now? That might make a lot of book owners happy.

Land of Bible times. The result is that this book displays more than 275 striking, original, full-color paintings that authentically depict Mrs. Robertson's text. Because it is an oversized book, the type is large and the illustrations are of generous proportion. Not only will the children like this delightful book. The whole family will enjoy it.

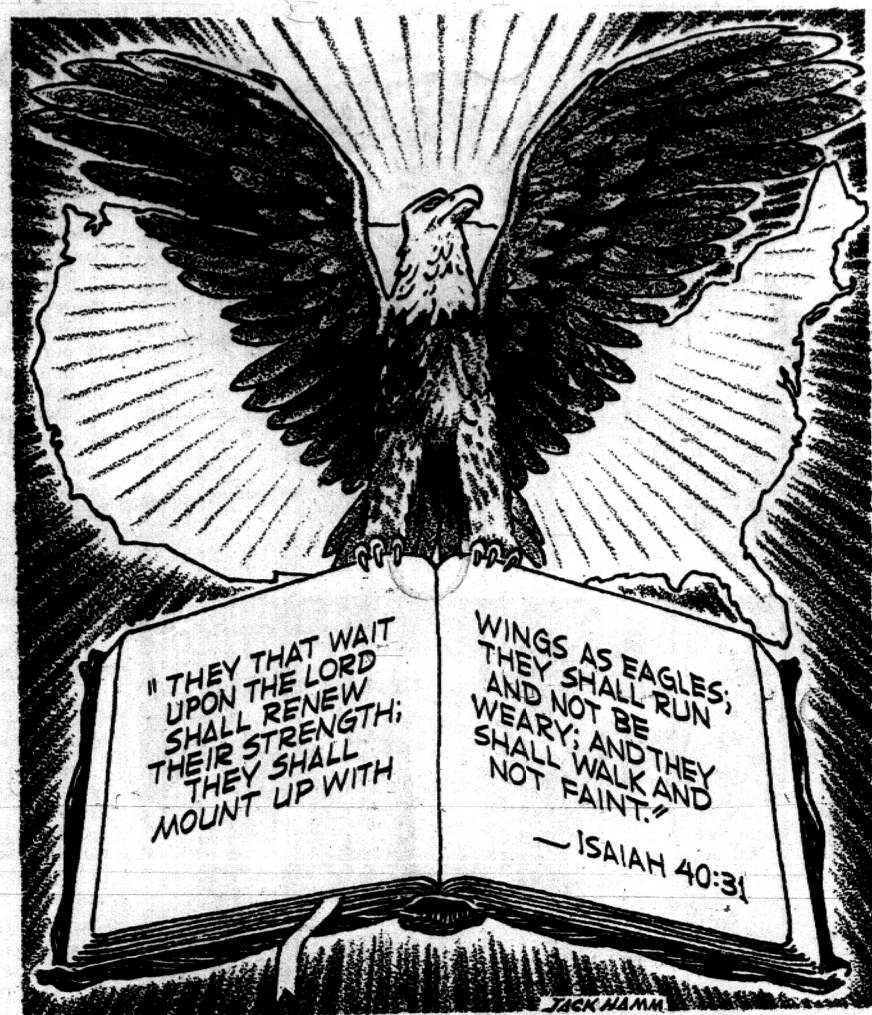
**THE TWELVE APOSTLES** by Ronald Brownrigg (Macmillan, \$12.95, 248 pp.) This attractive book gives new insights into the background, character and motives of the 12 men closest to Jesus. The author draws upon both historical and legendary sources to recreate the Holy Land as it was almost two centuries ago, enriching his narrative with more than 140 photographs, maps and reproductions of religious art.

**HOW DID A FAT, BALDING, MIDDLE-AGED JEW LIKE YOU BECOME A JESUS FREAK?** by Zola Levitt and Dr. D. McGann (Tyndale, 100 pp., pocket book, paper, \$1.45) A modern Jewish Christian tells in correspondence with a friend how Christ came into his life and made him. The story also tells of the same acceptance of Christ by his friend and correspondent.

**CHURCH - WHO NEEDS IT?** by David Allan Hubbard (Regal, paper, 145 pp., \$2.25) The author discusses the need to worship, to rejoice, to share, to participate, to belong, and to contribute. He speaks of prayer support, fellowship, power, joy, and comfort that are to be found in worshipping together.

**CLERGYMAN'S PSYCHOLOGICAL HANDBOOK** by Clinton W. McLemore (Eerdmans, paper, 137 pp., \$2.95) A brief guide designed to aid the minister in dealing with counseling needs.

**NO TIME FOR TOMBSTONES** by James and Marti Hefley (Tyndale, paper, 125 pp., \$2.95) The story of the capture of two American millionaires by the Viet Cong in Vietnam and their courage and love for others before being overtaken by death.



For Renewed National Strength

### THE BAPTIST FORUM

#### Positive And Negative Euthanasia

Dear Dr. Odle:

In Dr. Bob Adams' September 27 article about euthanasia, he fails to make a distinction between positive and negative euthanasia. Positive euthanasia involves some act such as the administration of a lethal drug to end life. Negative euthanasia means simply that no chemical or mechanical means will be used to prolong life.

If today we prepare injections for the terminal cancer patient, we might do the same in future years for the blind baby, the retarded twelve-year old, the mentally ill, and our beloved elderly whose strength and wit gradually fail. Maybe they can't contribute to society, but what is the purpose of society if not to help others who cannot help? The concept of "useless" souls is not found in the teachings of Christ Jesus.

I have one living example of what I am trying to say. My eighty-year-old patient could not speak or even respond to anyone. She was weak and it seemed that three or four times she was an hour from death, and twice the doctor stated she couldn't make it through the night. We were not doing anything to prolong her life, but she had the desire to live. She has improved so that she can function, love and be loved. As long as a person fights for his life, who is to say, "Rest is sweet," and end that life? Every hour of any man's life, so long as God grants life, belongs to that man. If I cannot communi-

Sharon E. Williams  
Millington, Tn.

#### Seeks Materials On Father Image

Dear Mr. Odle:

I'm preparing a manuscript about the family father image in the USA. IS IT DEAD OR ALIVE?

Many families do not know of this "divinely endowed responsibility" for the home. Their habits and customs keep them "shackled" and they remain in generation "chains" because so little attention is given to this God-ordained position of leadership.

A home without this spiritual direction is due for any number of unloving relationships during its existence. Eventually, these shortcomings cause some family members to take on and harbor self-destructive resentments in their efforts "to make the most of a bad situation." Others turn to "smoke-screens" of drink, drugs, divorce, sex and just "plain cussedness" in their attempts to make the domestic problem "go away." But the family home needs the heart-felt love, acceptance and understanding of a "take-charge" spiritual father image for its survival in succeeding generations.

From your "Letters" column, I need to hear from open and honest individuals who are willing to "tell it like it is" or was, good or bad, with no holds barred! Through these letters your readers can help me confirm some personal observations of God's high priorities for the family. Or, just printing this letter may help many people identify with and make right a family problem of the past, present or future.

Don Sargent  
Box 223  
Spencer, Indiana, 47460

**SCANDALOUS SAINT** by John C. Hagee (Whitaker House, paper, 178 pp., \$1.25) An account of independent missionary efforts in Mexico on the part of John and Josie Ellis of Victoria, Texas.

**HOW TO HAVE A GIVING CHURCH** by Bartlett L. and Margaret Johnston Hess (Abingdon, paper, 127 pp., \$2.95) A discussion of methods of teaching a church to give freely.

**SACRED COWS MAKE GOOD HAMBURGERS** by James C. Hefley, Regal, paper, 76 pp.) A series of stories debunking certain notions.



#### A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

It's a Sunday afternoon. I sit there remembering — remembering what I remembered this morning when I ate a tiny little square of unleavened bread and remembered Jesus' body.

Like an eight-screen slide presentation, memories of times when I learned about Jesus had flashed through my mind as I held the cracker. One was an Easter presentation in the Methodist Church at Louisville when I was in high school; another was when I was a pre-schooler and saw a picture of the four men letting their friend "down" through the roof for Jesus to heal; random times of learning, random facts, random experiences meshing together to give meaning to the bread as a symbol of Jesus' body. The experience continued while I held the cup of fruit juice as a symbol of His blood.

It has not been difficult for me to understand the bread and juice as symbols. Every once in a while we get out pictures to look at to help us to remember when we were first married or when the boys were little — or whatever we want to remember about. Last year we showed Nan, Bobby's bride-to-be, several boxes of slides. From them she could see something of how life has been for Bobby as she saw pictures or symbols of things that happened to him before she knew him. They happened to him even though she didn't know him "before" death and resurrection.

but these two bits of bread and juice help me to remember and add a little more understanding about Jesus every time I take the Lord's Supper.

For me, it always begins as a sad-sweet time. Then the remembering comes, and before I have swallowed the juice, the sad sweetness has changed to glad sweetness. For, all that the bread and juice symbolize are life-principles working steadily in my heart and mind. — Box 9151, Jackson, Ms. 39206.

#### On The MORAL SCENE...

**STATE LEGISLATURES OPEN TO CLERGY** — "A U.S. federal judge in Baltimore has ruled that Maryland cannot prohibit clergymen from running for the state's General Assembly. His decision leaves only one state — Tennessee — with a prohibition against clergymen serving in state legislatures." — The Christian Century, October 2, 1974.

**SMOKERS TO THE REAR** — "Beginning in March, according to a new ruling by the Interstate Commerce Commission, the huffers and puffers on all buses traveling interstate were exiled to the hindmost 20% of the seats, where presumably their noxious exhaust fumes will not offend their fellow passengers. The customary integration of smokers into the general passenger population, decreed the commission, "creates serious health hazards to those passengers who are non-smokers." — Saturday Review-World, May 18, 1974.

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## "Giants" Evident In SBC Leadership, Reed Declares

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP) — There are more "giants" among Southern Baptist leaders today than ever, a retired denominational official said here.

R. Alton Reed, Dallas, president emeritus of the Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board, said there may be 100 men under 40 years of age in the denomination just as great a job as Scarborough and Truett.

He referred to Lee R. Scarborough (1870-1945) and George W. Truett (1867-1944). Both men served as president of the SBC, Truett three consecutive terms ending in 1929, and Scarborough for two straight years, 1939-40.

Truett served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas from 1897 until his death, and it became the largest Baptist church in the world. Scarborough was president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, from 1914 until his death.

"There were few giants in the days in which those men lived," Reed pointed out. "They were conspicuous. Also, Southern Baptists were much fewer in number then."

Today, the "caliber of leadership is more widespread than it was two generations ago," Reed continued. "Those who are our great leaders today are less conscious of their role as were those in the past."

"More responsibility fell on fewer persons in earlier generations," he added, "while today responsibility is distributed around more widely. However, today's leaders are not as well-known."

Reed made his remarks while in Glorieta leading Bible study periods at a Conference for Annuity, sponsored by the Annuity Board. More than 100 retired Baptist ministers and denominational workers, or their widows, who draw retirement benefits from the board, attended.

He attributed the caliber of leadership, and the greater number of leaders today to "the excellence of our (Baptist) Colleges and seminaries. You don't have great people without great schools."

He observed also "you can't compare generations."

## Church Child Care Center Wins License Battle In Colorado

GREENLY, Colo. (BP) — Hillside Baptist Church here has won a two-year separation of church and state battle against licensing of its Child Development Center.

District Judge Hugh Arnold ruled

by the Southern Baptist congregation for religious purposes. He denied a petition of the state for an order requiring the center either to obtain a state license or cease operation. The state has the right to file for a new trial.

In ruling for the church, Judge Arnold said, "There is clear evidence that the school is operated for religious instruction, and it is a special school because of its religious thrust."

The church had maintained the center did not need to be licensed because Colorado law says the state's child care act "shall not apply to special schools or classes operated primarily for religious instruction."

The church's Child Care Development Center was established in 1972 and it operated solely as an extension of its religious education ministry.

## Liberian President Vetoes Gambling Bill

Instead of signing into law a bill legalizing gambling in Liberia, as everyone seemed to expect, President William J. Tolbert vetoed it, Baptist leaders of London reports.

The luxurious Ducor Hotel in suburban Monrovia had already spent thousands of dollars renovating a part of its property for a casino scheduled to open in October. More than 50 prospective casino employees had been interviewed.

Then the bombshell. From the president's office came not the signed bill but the veto with explanation that the chief executive was "convinced that it is not in the best interest of the country to have it passed into law at this time."

"While the act is intended to control gambling," the statement continued, "I have a feeling that it will be taken by our people in general as a license for their indulgence in gambling indiscriminately throughout the country."

At the same time the president issued orders for stricter enforcement of laws against gambling. Football pool agencies were raided by police, gambling machines confiscated, and their owners arrested. (EBPS)

# Yazoo Yarn Spinner Lives His Religion

"With pockets full of 'friendly' and heart full of Jesus, he will swap stories, shoes, neckties—or just give his'n away, hoping to make folks feel happy as me!" That's how one admirer describes Yazoo City's favorite funny man, country music humorist Jerry Clower.

As the newest member of the Grand Ole Opry, and best-selling MCA recording artist, Jerry's comedic talents have most re-

cently been recognized by Billboard, Cash Box, and Record World magazines — entertainment industry "bibles" which have voted him "Comedian of the Year" for the second consecutive year.

As a fellow Mississippi Baptist, he is especially appreciated by the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and was well received by the Convention when he addressed them in November

of last year. Convention members were excited by this commanding lay leader whose religious fervor and inspirational love of mankind are reflected in his delightful brand of homespun humor.

Jerry's evangelistic spirit undergirds every part of his life, and he avails himself of every opportunity to impart his faith in the ideals of world ecumenism to others. For many years, his efforts have benefitted the Gideon cause, and he serves as a deacon in the First Baptist Church, Yazoo City. Additionally, Jerry's credentials as a lay preacher allow him to respond to the many requests for talks in that capacity which he receives. It is noteworthy that his Nashville personal manager reports that he unwaveringly continues to tithe both his time and financial resources.

Yes, Jerry Clower is a preacher, but he is also a practitioner of the philosophy he espouses. Married, and the father of four, Clower's strong family ties reflect the essence of the Christian spirit. His rural background and Christian upbringing serve as background for his endless stories of real people, the simple life, and spiritual faith.

Drawing upon his rich religious heritage, Clower is able to motivate an audience not only to listen, but to respond. And respond they do. They respond to and are sold on the wholesome and moral aspects of the good life which Jerry is able to convey through his humor. They identify with this dyed-in-the-wool country boy, whose proclivity to tell a story is as natural as a politician's for making speeches.

Audiences also identify with the earthiness and local color, so central to all of Jerry's stories. They share Jerry's memories of sitting glued to a battery radio listening to ballgames, or pitching in to help an older brother do the chores. They recall perhaps, doing a hitch in the Navy, as Jerry did, and marrying a childhood sweetheart.

It was, in fact, Jerry's childhood sweetheart, Homerline Wells, who joined him in professing a faith in Christ, while both were students in the third grade. This early alliance culminated in their later joining the church together and subsequent exchange of marital vows. Their marriage has a solid, enduring Christian foundation, and their children — Ray, Amy, Sue, and Katy — are growing up in a loving home.

Jerry's inspiration comes from the Lord, and the basic part of each of his yarns is, to quote him, "somewhere real, that has

mon touch. The locale may be regional, but the humor is universal. And Jerry's appeal is truly universal, leading one to suspect that when the man upstairs looks down upon him, a smile crosses His lips.

—Top Billing Inc.



Jerry Clower in action at a Nashville recording session.



Clower with personal manager Tandy Rice, Nashville.



Clower and Loretta Lynn.

## Texas Baptists Seek State Offering Of \$1.1 Million

DALLAS (BP) — Texas Baptists are seeking to raise more than \$1 million — \$1,111,111.11 to be exact — through the Mary Hill Davis State Mission Offering, conducted among 2-million Texas Baptists in 4,200 churches and missions around the state.

The money will be re-invested in areas of human need from the Rio Grande River to the teeming, impersonalized metropolitan areas.

Of the \$1.1 million — plus goal, \$553,111 will be spent in the cities while another \$145,000 will be used to minister to two million people who live along the 890-mile Rio Grande River.

Last year, Texas Baptists raised a little over \$1 million for the first time in the history of the offering.

## Guayaquil Baptist Men Raise Money For Mission Chapel

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador — A group of men whose average income is less than \$30 a month have decided to raise money to build a chapel for a mission that has not even been started yet.

Challenged by the Guayas Association Baptist Men's president, Walter Carvajal, the men from a dozen churches and missions collected about \$40 in an initial offering at a recent men's rally. The money will go into a savings account and other offerings will be added to it until enough is raised to construct a chapel for a new mission.

This is an ambitious project for these men, according to Stanley D. Stamps, Southern Baptist missionary press representative, "but there is a lot of determination to do something on their own." Most of the Baptist church buildings already in existence were built with Foreign Mission Board funds.

## North Carolinian Preschool Editor

NASHVILLE — Jennell Strickland, a native of Brevard, N. C., is a new editor of preschool materials in the Sunday School and church training departments at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Miss Strickland holds the bachelor of science degree in elementary education, Cullowhee, N. C., and the master of religious education degree from Western Carolina University, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

She served for two years as a mis-

sonary. She has been on the faculty of the preschool buildings at Ridgecrest (N.C.) and Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Centers.

# Gulfport Mayor Says "No" To Legalized Gambling

By C. L. Bullock, Mayor  
City of Gulfport

What is gambling? Some have said that you gamble every time you walk across the street, or you gamble every time you drive on the street or highway, or fly in an airplane. This is to say that any hazard or exposure to danger is a gamble and conclude that life itself is a gamble.

In my opinion, this premise lacks an essential element of gambling, that is the hope or desire for unearned gain. It is quite obvious that no person would risk his money or other possession unless there was both the chance and hope of receiving more than they lose.

One may counter that the merchant receives more than he invested in the sale of merchandise and the answer is quite simple: the merchant delivers value equal to the retail price paid and has made an honest profit to justify his investment of the wholesale cost. Another different is that vastly more of the profit dollars earned by the business enterprises of the community remain in the community in taxes and payroll benefits than dollars lost to the syndicated gambling interests which are so often controlled by crime lords not interested in the local economy or the welfare of the citizens.

If the compulsion to gamble could be confined to those who could afford to lose their money, one could say, "So what! Let them lose it." Unfortunately that is not the case. More often those who can least afford to lose are those most likely to lose. The breadwinner decides to run his paycheck up and go home with more money that he has earned, and in the

effort, loses it all. Then children go cold or hungry, the utility bills, the house payment, the charge account, the doctor bill, and all other financial obligations go unpaid; and many people, not just the compulsive gambler, suffer. The whole community is deprived of the benefit of this man's labor and who profits? "A survey of British betting habits, under legalized gambling, conducted by the New York State Assembly, confirms a decline in family resources, a sharp increase in default of debts owned small shopkeepers, an increased proportion of family income diverted to gambling and early indoctrination of juveniles to gambling habits." (National Football League's Position on Legalized Sports Gambling 1972) "The nation has an estimated 10 million compulsive gamblers, a figure that makes gambling one of the U. S.'s most serious menaces — even above alcoholism and drug addiction." (Dunn & Bradstreet Report December 1973)

Points To Defective View To say that people are going to gamble so let's legalize it and get the revenue may sound like a valid argument on the face of it. However, logic reveals it to be fatally defective in view of the fact that no law is, or ever will be, enforced without exception. If a law is patently so unpopular as to preclude the expectation of a reasonable degree of enforcement, then I would agree that some modification or the repeal of the law would be in order. In my opinion, this law prohibiting gambling is capable of, and is now, being enforced to a reasonable degree, and should continue to be with ever increasing vigilance. To say that we should legalize gambling because people continue to gamble is to say that any law that is violated should be repealed. We are predicating this argument

solely upon man's relation to man and the socio-economic aspect of the subject rather than any moral or religious consideration, and conclude that the theory that one man's profit should cause the suffering of many is not good for the whole of society.

It is not conjecture or speculation to expect the attendant evils of dope, prostitution, bribery, and various underworld activities associated with organized crime to follow a massive influx of gambling activities. Statistics prove it; our own experience proves it! Law enforcement efforts are now facing unprecedented problems. Why complicate and compound the problems by following the lure of easy tax money when it is certain to cost more in law enforcement than tax dollars we would realize from this source? "Off track betting, rather than eliminating organized crime from gambling and driving out bookmakers, led to a 62% increase in illegal betting and brought more mob-connected figures into bookmaking." (New York Times, Page 1, January 10, 1974)

To my knowledge, no effort has been made to legalize gambling anywhere in Mississippi other than the Gulf Coast. The attempt to restrict the legalization of an operation to one part of a state would seem to indicate that it creates an undesirable atmosphere which is to be avoided by the other areas of that state. We have seen our beautiful Gulf Coast branded with the stigma of being a climate of lawlessness and corruption when gambling was rampant here, and there was little we could say in our own defense until the situation was remedied, except to say that not all our people approved it and that some of the finest people on earth lived decent and law-abiding lives here. That situation has been remedied,

and, I do not want to see us become the Phenix City or the Las Vegas of Mississippi.

Have Essentials For Growth

I am sure that we have all the essentials for the continued growth and development of a tourist mecca to attract visitors from all parts of our state and nation and to continue to be the vacationland of the South without jeopardizing our image as an area of scenic beauty wholesome recreation, and warm hospitality. The finest years of desirable and substantial growth have occurred since the scourge of Mafia type activities were driven out of our area, and our rapidly changing population finds us the fortunate recipients of the contributions of many wonderful people who are proud of the Coast and want it to remain a clean and decent place in which to live and rear their children.

We want desirable industry to locate in our area, to be a part of our community, and to supply payrolls to supplement our tourist-related industry. The atmosphere of a gambling economy would repel industry and attract more gambling. I cannot see this as progress. Industry requires an adequate and stable labor force. Could industry rely upon a community whose citizenry is engaged chiefly in game-of-chance enterprises to furnish a dependable source of labor?

Our first supposition was that the wage earner would most likely lose his paycheck and could not pay his bills. Now, let us suppose he wins and really goes home with more money than he has earned. He has, by his example, taught his children that honest labor is not a virtue after all; that they are to live off the labor of others; to reap where they have not sown and to harvest where they have not cultivated; that an education is a

waste of time and money and that an illiterate can roll the dice or spin the wheel as well as a college graduate; that his desires and needs are more important than those of the man who earned the money that he won. What an example! What a society we would have based upon that conclusion!

Says Honesty Best Policy

Finally, I cannot agree to the premise that any activity that is basically wrong can be made right by dressing it up in a cloak of respectability and legalization of gambling will not remove the fatal defect that is inherent in it. Honesty is still the best policy, and the free enterprise system provides the best opportunity for success through hard work, initiative, ambition and prudence. The easy road to success is fraught with more thorns than roses, and legalization is not the answer.

"Gambling experts have estimated that for every dollar bet legally, five to seven are wagered illegally on events ranging from the national past-time of baseball to the exotic ethnic lotteries." (Newsweek Magazine, April 10, 1972, "The Gambling Explosion.")

"If the gambling doors are opened further, the money will come from people who are least economically able to lose it; money that should go for food, clothing, education and other necessities will go to gambling. We have enough problems of addiction in our society without introducing another lure." (William Cahn, Past President of the National District Attorneys Association)

(This article was written at the request of THE DAILY HERALD, newspaper for the Mississippi Gulf Coast as part of a debate over the question of whether or not to legalize gambling.)



## Names In The News

Rev. Riley Ainsworth was recently licensed to the gospel ministry by Highland Church, Crystal Springs. Rev. Robert Miles, pastor. Converted at 15, he has been active in Southern Baptist churches through the years. In 1963 he was ordained as a deacon by the Bowmar Avenue Church, Vicksburg, and recently served at Highland as chairman of deacons. Also he is a Gideon. Mr. Ainsworth received a double Master's degree in guidance, education, and counseling at Mississippi State University. Since 1961 he has been employed by the Mississippi State Rehabilitation for the Blind. He and his wife, Helen, are the parents of three children, Debra, Cherie, and Danny. He is available for supply preaching or a weekend pastorate. (During the past year he has spoken in many churches over the state.) He may be contacted at Harmony Road, Crystal Springs, Ms. 39059 (phone 892-2338).

Rev. Frank Pollard, pastor of First Church of Jackson, will speak at the church-wide Leadership Banquet on Thursday evening, October 17, which will be the final session of "Glorieta At Home Week," at Glorieta, New Mexico.

Two Mississippi College students preparing for full-time Christian service have been awarded scholarships by the Pike County Association. Fred Slabach of Fernwood and Donald Ray Weber of McComb have been awarded grants under the Association's scholarship program to Baptist students attending Mississippi Baptist colleges. Slabach, a freshman, plans to major in Christian music and youth work. He is a member of South McComb Church. Weber graduated this past year from Southwest Mississippi Junior College. He will be a junior at Mississippi College, majoring in youth work. He is a member of the Friendship Church. The Pike County Association has awarded \$1,800 in scholarships over the past five years.



The Mississippi College Board of Trustees, at their regular fall meeting, selected new officers who will assume their duties on November 1. Dr. Bob Ramsay (second from right) of Tupelo is the newly elected chairman, moving up from the post of vice-chairman. Pictured, from the left, are Dr. John G. McCall, vicksburg, vice chairman; Dr. Lewis Nobles, president of the college; Dr. Ramsay; and W. D. Lorton, Jr., Brookhaven, secretary. All three of the new officers are veterans of the college's Board of Trustees. Dr. Ramsay and Dr. McCall are both Baptist pastors, while Mr. Lorton is a businessman and layleader. (M. C. Photo by Bob Rampey)

Connie Ellard Fleming, missionary journeyman, has arrived on the field (address: 15-15 2-chome, Shimoitazum Kokura, Kitakyushu 803, Japan). Born in Durant, Miss., she grew up in Aberdeen. Before she was commissioned by the Foreign Mission Board in July 1974, she was graduated from Mississippi State University, Starkville.

Kerry Yeakey, missionary journeyman, has arrived on the field (address: J1, Jend, Sudirman 39, Yogyakarta, Indonesia). He was born in Jackson, Miss., and also lived in Odessa and Ft. Worth, Tex.; Rayville, La.; Kansas City, Mo.; and Knoxville, Tenn. Before he was commissioned by the Foreign Mission Board in July 1974, he was graduated from Eastern New Mexico University, Portales.

First Church, Gulfport: has adopted resolutions of appreciation for the exceptional and devoted service of George Ervin Estes, Sr. and of Cooper J. Darby. Mr. Estes born in 1897 at Noxapater, became a Christian in 1910. Since 1925 he has been a member of First, Gulfport. There he has held many responsible positions, including membership on various committees; chairman of the Church Finance Committee, church treasurer, and as deacon since his ordination in 1926. Mr. Darby, born in 1896 in Harrison County, joined the Baptist church at the age of 8. At various times he has been a teacher in public schools in south Mississippi, county superintendent of education for Harrison County, president of Perkinson Junior College, and chancery clerk of Harrison County. He was a deacon at First Baptist Church, Gulfport, from 1923 to 1929 and has been again from 1941 until the present. He has served as Sunday school teacher for over 44 years, as a member and Chairman of the Church Building Committee, as chairman of the Church Finance Committee, and in other positions of trust and responsibility. The

church's resolutions were an expression of honor and recognition for the faithfulness of these men. Dr. John H. Traylor, Jr. is the Gulfport pastor.

Roy Sylvester was ordained to the gospel ministry on Sunday afternoon, September 22, at North Greenwood Church. He was the first person that church has ordained to the ministry since its organization 19 years ago. Dr. Walter L. Yeldell is the pastor.

Five Mississippians are writers for fall quarter church literature published by the Baptist Sunday School Board. The writers, and the periodicals to which they contributed, are Bill Latham, associate in the church training department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, "Young Adults in Training" and "Source;" Graham L. Hales, Jr., chaplain and assistant professor of religion, University of Southern Mississippi, "Young Adults in Training;" B. J. Dean, Ocean Springs, "Sunday School Youth B;" Judy Hendrix Latham, Parkway Church, Jackson, "Exploring C for Leaders;" and Louise Garrett, Starkville, "Baptist Youth."

## Baptist Agency, President Ford Conflict

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is subject to taxation and a tax credit which is a direct payment by the government to the taxpayer for a religious or charitable contribution.

In a new and wide-ranging policy position on "taxation and religious bodies," the Baptist Joint Committee reaffirmed its 1969 policy position that churches not be subject to property taxes on that part of their property which is used for their religious mission.

The extended tax policy position of the Baptist Joint Committee maintains:

1. That religious bodies, as members of the broad class of not-for-profit organizations, must enjoy no less rights and privileges than those accorded to other members of that class;

2. That the U. S. Constitution requires that religious programs and church income derived from other than unrelated business enterprises be exempt from taxation by government at all levels;

3. That churches, associations of churches or conventions of churches

must define for themselves the nature and scope of their religious mission;

4. That churches should pay as a consumer for consumer services, such as water, sewer, etc., but that government should not tax church property or income nor that of other not-for-profit organizations to pay for general services to the public, such as fire and police protection;

5. That tax deductibility for contributions to the broad class of not-for-profit organizations including religious bodies, is both wise and constitutional public policy; and

6. That the tax exempt status of religious bodies engaging in activities related to legislation and the public discussion of public policy should not be threatened or revoked.

Rutledge Named Joint Com. Chmn.

By Stan Hastey

WASHINGTON (BP)—The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, meeting here in its semiannual session, elected as its new chairman a Southern Baptist, celebrated its 35th anniversary at a special dinner and

adopted a position on human rights in American foreign policy.

The Baptist group, comprised of representatives from nine different Baptist conventions and conferences in the United States and Canada, also heard one of its associate directors warn against a new proposal in Congress to involve government in sponsorship of devotional exercises in the nation's public school classrooms.

Arthur B. Rutledge, executive director of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, was named new chairman of the Joint Committee. Rutledge has served as a member of the Washington-based body since 1964.

Other officers named for 1974-75 were: first vice-chairman, Robert Torbet, ecumenical officer of the American Baptist Churches in the USA; second vice-chairman, Charles G. Adams, the pastor of Hartford Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., a church affiliated with the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., and the American Baptist Churches; and recording secretary, Donald E. Anderson, editor of The Standard, official publication of The Baptist General Conference.

The Baptist agency observed the 35th anniversary of its founding in 1939 with a dinner at Washington's First Baptist Church featuring an address by Brooks Hays, former congressman from Arkansas and member of the Joint Committee during the years he served as president of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC).

SBC, the National Baptist Convention, Inc., his address was, "The American Baptist Bill of Rights: A Pronouncement Upon Religious Liberty."

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### Morrison Heights Dedicates New Facilities

Morrison Heights Church, Clinton on October 6 observed Dedication Day for its new facilities. Dr. W. Douglas Huggins, former executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, delivered the dedicatory sermon at the morning worship service. Following the service, charter members of the church were honored at a luncheon. During the even-

ing service, Mrs. Margaret Harper, organist, presented a concern on the new 19 rank Reuter pipe organ.

Just a little over two years ago, the church entered into an extensive building program. It has all been completed in recent weeks. The new building includes a 900-seat auditorium, a fellowship hall, kitchen, choir rehearsal room and many Sunday school rooms.

Morrison Heights was constituted as a church the second Sunday in June, 1958. It was started as a mission of the Clinton Baptist Church, now First Baptist Church. There were 126 charter members. Today the membership is 1665. Rev. Charles Gentry has been pastor since 1964. Other staff members include Bill Barnes, minister of music, and Dale Oden, minister of education.



### Escatawpa To Build In New Location

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Escatawpa Church were held recently. Due to the impending construction of Interstate 10 across the present property, the church will relocate on Mississippi 63, across from the Twin Cities Savings and Loan Building. The church is scheduled for completion in eight months and will represent an investment of approximately \$400,000. Taking part in the ceremonies for the new structure were, left to right: minister of music Don Cawthon, J. W. Walton, Paul Moore, Richard Crews (partially shown), Building Committee chairman F. R. Watson, Clyde Moseley, contractor Buddy Graham, Kenneth Peacock, Pastor Ralph Young, Jackson Simmons, and T. R. Chunn.

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Christ," he declared. Graham said people all over the globe ask, "Is there any help for me?" The answer, he asserted, is "only in the cross." When he asked those who wanted to turn to Christ to indicate their intentions, thousands identified themselves to Crusade counselors. Speaking briefly during the greater Rio Crusade's final service was a North American known to Brazilians as a friend of their international championship soccer teams, Dr. Kenneth H. Cooper. The physical fitness expert said he was "proud and honored to have been associated" with the training of the 1970 and 1974 World Cup teams. The man who popularized aerobics for keeping physical shape emphasized, however, that he thought spiritual fitness should take top priority. "I hope Brazilians will continue to exercise," the retired U. S. Air Force officer said. "But I also hope that thousands of Brazilians will decide today" to get in good spiritual condition with Christ's help.

Even though the final Crusade service was available to millions on television and radio, thousands came from great distances to be a part of the Maracana Gospel meetings. Over 400 bus loads were known to have come from outside the states of Guanabara and Rio de Janeiro. The passengers were given overnight housing and sometimes meals in Christian homes, or in schools and churches. In addition, about 3,000 buses brought delegations from the suburbs of greater Rio.

The Saturday youth night meeting was attended by an estimated 200,000. Crowds were smaller on the first three (weekday) nights. Crusade Chairman Nilson Fanini, pastor of

called the "triumphs Baptists have had" during the former congressman's lifetime. These include triumphs over Landmarkism, isolationism and anti-intellectualism, he said. He also urged Baptists to continue to contend for a free pulpit and to support those denominational agencies which can work for the redemption of society.

its size set a new record for the huge stadium.

While it was the largest stadium meeting Graham had ever conducted,

which the record was set June 3, 1973, at the end of his Crusade in Seoul, Korea. Local officials there estimated that 1.1 million attended that service on an airfield.

### Four Dramas Published In Celebration, 50th Anniversary, Cooperative Program

Four dramas by prominent Southern Baptist writers have been published to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program, according to Mike Speer of the Stewardship Commission and Ray Conner of the Sunday School Board's Church Recreation Department.

The dramas will appear in a special pull-out section of the January-February-March 1975 issue of Church Recreation Magazine.

Called "Partners in Sharing," the pull-out section includes:

"Partners in Sharing" — a short historical drama on the beginning of the Cooperative Program

"Not All Alone" — a puppet skit on the Cooperative Program

"Improvisations in Giving" — impromptu biblical dramas on giving with discussion guides

"Only Half Way" — a short skit on the Cooperative Program

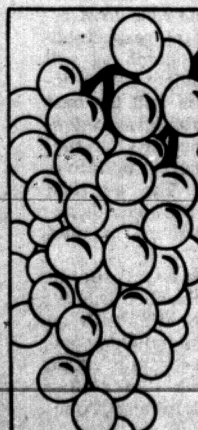
The writers are Sarah Walton Miller, a noted dramatist and playwright from Houston; and Dr. Darrel Baergen, a professor of theatre at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

Churches wishing to use the dramas may order copies of Church Recreation Magazine from Materials Services Department, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37234. Current price is 52c per copy.




After January 1, the special pull-out section will be available in reprint.



GOLDENROD fills a field of fall. A nearly leafless tree is silhouetted against the sky. — (RNS Photo by John Mast)



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# "The Living God Seeks Man": - God's Concern About Daily Living

By William J. Falls  
Proverbs 1:1-10; 3:5-8, 13-14; 15:1-4;  
23:19-21; 25:21-23

In this fall quarter our lessons have been developing the theme "The Living God Seeks Man" by dealing with the experience of the Hebrews as told in the Old Testament. God selected Abraham and his family — which eventually became a nation — to accomplish certain purposes in the world. "Covenant" describes the relationship between the Lord and his people. The October lessons have underscored God's concern for leaders



and worship. Today we look at another aspect of national life: some problems of daily living. What better resource book than Proverbs! Its Hebrew title probably means likenesses or comparisons. The book contains instruction, wisdom sentences, numerical sayings, and some preaching passages. It is very practical.

## The Lesson Explained TRUSTING GOD BRINGS TRUE WISDOM (3:5-8, 13-14)

This chapter begins, "My son" (see also 1:10 and 2:1), and we find the phrase repeated several times through chapter 7. These chapters form a section of teaching directed to young men. In fact, some scholars feel that the whole book is a sort of

textbook for instructing young men, probably those of more advantaged families. But the instruction in this passage can apply to either men or women.

When the wise writer called on his young reader to depend on the Lord with all his heart, he was using the personal name for God, Yahweh or Jehovah, and he was referring to the "heart" not as a physical organ but as the center of a person's will and moral life. If he trusted like that, the youth would not rely on his limited understanding of life. As he walked into the unknown of every day, exercising that kind of faith would make it possible for the Lord to guide him or make his way straight.

Of course, the young man must re-

sist the temptation to think that he knew enough to go it alone. Instead, he must stand before the Lord in awe — a growing sense of the awful difference between God's holiness and man's selfishness. In that mood he could turn away from evil. The awe-some fear of God can provide new vitality. A better translation for "fear" is a body, and the word for "marrow" means fresh life.

Verse 13 is an Old Testament beatitude because "happy" here is equivalent to "blessed." Although it is a good example of parallelism in Hebrew poetry, the two verbs mean "has found" and "keeps on getting." "Understanding" suggests skill in telling the difference between right and wrong.

## USING THE TONGUE FOR PEACE (15:1-4)

This passage is within a larger section that began with 10:1 under the subtitle, "The proverbs of Solomon." It is a collection of brief wise sayings, but this group of four verses deals with the tongue. In human relations we can show our feelings toward another person by a frown or a smile. Impelled by stronger emotions, we can either strike or hug another. Between facial expression and bodily action the other channel of human communication is speech; with words man can curse or bless, show love or hate.

In verse 1 the wise man says that a quiet response can deflect or defuse another's anger, but a sharp response

will stir smoldering feelings into flame. When a wise man talks (v. 2), he spreads knowledge and makes it interesting, but from the foolish (stupid) tongue flows nonsense like water from a spring. In all of this communication, the Lord is aware of both good and evil men. Besides the effect of speech on other people, verse 4 describes what it can do to the speaker. "A wholesome tongue" (or "healing speech," as someone has said) is a blessing. But speech that is turned the wrong way (perverse) can break the spirit, or it may reveal "a disturbed mind."

## OVERDOING IS DANGEROUS (23:19-21)

Beginning with 22:20 and ending with 24:22 we have a section in Proverbs that has been called the "thirty sayings." The writer warns his young reader here against unrestrained appetite for both food and drink. After urging him to set his "mind on the right course," recalling what all this instruction is about, he deals directly with self-indulgence. While the use of wine is not prohibited, the young man is to avoid drunkards and "gluttonous eaters of meat." Ultimately, this kind of person lets his appetite ruin him; he wastes his money filling his stomach, and his stuporous mind does not care if his body wears rags. Even the son of a prominent or wealthy family could end this way unless he avoided the drunkards and the gluttons.

## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# The Joy Of Reconciliation

II Cor. 2:12-17; 6:11-7:16  
By Bill Duncan

In the comic strip "Peanuts," Snoopy and Woodstock were at odds. Snoopy had attended Woodstock's Christmas party and offended him. Charlie Brown suggested to Snoopy that he try to find out what he broke at Woodstock's party. He said, "Maybe that would be the first step toward reconciliation."

Snoopy replied, "I always trip up on the first step." And so do most Christians.

The ministry of reconciliation is needed today. The problems that have caused the barriers to be built between people may not be visible but they are there. The time may come when there is no opportunity to minister.

Too many people are like "Snoopy." We trip up on the first step of trying to find out what the problem is. Do not just dream about it, wish for it and just think about the need for reconciliation. C. S. Lewis in his book, *The Screwtape Letters*, quotes the devil's strategic lieutenant as advising his emissary on the best way to hinder the effective life of the Christian as saying, "Let him do anything but act." It does not matter how much he thinks about it or how much he proposes to do something. Just so long as he does not convert his resolutions into action



he poses no threat to the forces of evil.

In our lesson we see how the Apostle Paul was able to bring about reconciliation. He was at odds with a church. This disturbed him to the point of depression. But he went into action.

The first thing he did was to go to Corinth and try to straighten out the differences. This became a better experience because someone led opposition against Paul. The second attempt at reconciliation was the writing of a "severe letter" which might be II Corinthians 10-13. This letter was carried by Titus. The discussion in II Cor. 2:12-13, described the feelings of Paul as he waited for Titus to see the results of the letter. The letter proved to be effective, and the church punished the leader of the opposition. When Titus gave him the good news that the church once more was showing proper Christian respect and love for Paul, a burst of thanksgiving went up to God from the Apostle (I Cor. 2:14-17). The joy of reconciliation was evident. Victory had been won. Fellowship had been restored.

What is the cause of the barriers that exist, that call for the ministry of reconciliation? Wherever we look we see divisions in politics, religion, race relations, economics, and in personal relations. One writer sought to analyze the things that divide us. He classified some as natural barriers, such as language, geography, distance, color, sex. He classified others as artificial barriers, such as nationality and religion. The third group of barriers he called personal, ones that arise from circumstances of life such as ability, class, caste, pos-

sessions, education, age. The fourth group of barriers he mentioned arise from attitudes such as prejudice, bias, snobbery, contempt, scorn, and hostility without reason. Relationships in life have conflicts because of these barriers. These are even in the churches.

All divisions that cannot be overcome by purely material means have their ultimate source in sin. Sin seeks its own things at the expense of others. Sin sees those that are different as threats. Sin breeds selfishness, bias, prejudice, hatred, and apathy which causes division. Sin ignores the unifying factor of God. Only victory over sin can bring hope of reconciliation of men to men. The victory over sin in human relations is love.

## APPEAL FOR AN OPEN HEART AND RESTORED LIFE 6:11-7:4

This is a clear proof that human relationships are the most important thing in life. The accent of love is the most important issue. The quarrels are all settled and love reigns supreme. Paul asked the people to open up their hearts for him and others. The warmth of love will open up the heart.

The passage of 6:14 to 7:1 reminds us that there are certain things a man cannot do and be a Christian. This passage comes in very awkwardly on a lesson of reconciliation. It is a stern passage that seems out of place but yet very much needed. There must be a difference in our life and the life of the world. Many have taken this passage to mean "we should not have anything to do with churches or people that do not believe like we do." I knew an inde-

pendent Baptist who used this verse to justify his beliefs of not cooperating in any way with a Southern Baptist church. I agree that this passage from God's Word teaches that there are things in the world with which the Christian cannot and dare not associate himself. But let us be careful that we do not use this passage to justify our sinful bias or a barrier that should be broken down by reconciliation. We must live a separated life that seeks to reconcile unsaved men to God. After men have been reconciled to God then we can enjoy a fellowship that becomes a partnership.

## THE JOY OF RESTORED RELATIONSHIP 7:5-16

What happens when there is a disruption of the fellowship of the church? Very often there comes a lack of respect for the leader. He may not have been responsible, but he gets blamed. "If he were a good leader the trouble would not have come," they may say. The church usually experiences a lack of financial support. The people of the church begin to drift apart, causing a lack of fellowship. It may come to sides being drawn and war declared. What have you seen happen when disputes have arisen in your churches? How was it settled? I am sorry that often, too often, the pastor has had to learn, in some places. A new pastor may have come, but the division was never reconciled.

Thank God that in many churches the problems have been solved. As in Corinth, the unity of the church in action to solve the problem is a must. Confession, confidence and trust in each other, including the leader; a worthy example by leaders; an attitude of reconciliation rather than criticism; and guidance from the Holy Spirit can help bring about reconciliation.

The joy of reconciliation creates a stronger fellowship. One day I had an occasion to have some welding done at a machine shop. In the conversation with the welder I asked what the possibility would be for the steel to break again. He said "Sure the thing may break under stress, but not where I am welding. It must

## Hartfields On Leave From Mexico

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hartfield, missionaries to Mexico, have returned to Mississippi from Mexico City and are now on leave of absence. They may be reached at their new address of Rt. 5, Box 182-D, Hattiesburg, MS 39401.

## SBC Charismatic Conference Slated

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The Trinity Baptist Church of Louisville, and the West Lauderdale Baptist Church of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., are jointly sponsoring a Charismatic Fellowship Conference for Southern Baptists, to be held at the Louisville church on Nov. 5-7, 1974. The place of meeting is the Trinity Baptist Church, 10307 Seatonville Road in Fern Creek (Southeast Louisville).

ALGES, Portugal — "And the truth shall make you free" was the theme for the youth camps held here recently. Over 142 young people attended. According to Mrs. John M. Herndon, the young people have experienced freedom in many ways since the April revolution including Bible studies and round-table discussions about politics, communion and their role in the changing society.

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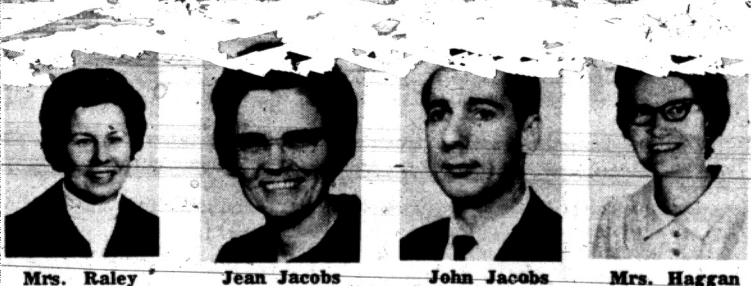
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## Acteens Retreat Slated At William Carey



Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union will sponsor an Acteens Winter Retreat at William Carey College, November 15-16. The Acteens Winter Retreat is an Acteens meeting for girls, grades 10-12, who live in the southern part of the state. The program will be built around the theme, "Share His Love Now." The program will begin at 7:30 p.m., Friday and will conclude at 3:00 p.m., Saturday. Features will include conferences with foreign and home missionaries: Rev. and Mrs. John Jacobs; Guyana; Mrs. Harry Riley, Taiwan; Mrs. Dalton Haggan, Indian Work, Philadelphia, Mississippi.

A time of training for officers and members in the local Acteens organizations. More information about the 1975 National Acteens Conference will be shared. A conference for directors and leaders will be offered. Missions—missionaries and music will tie the program together. One adult leader for every five Acteens, please. The registration fee will be \$3.00 per person. Make checks payable to Mississippi WMU and mail to WMU Office, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi 39205. Registration forms, with lists of motels in Hattiesburg have been mailed to each WMU director.

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## Sue Price Lipsey Lecture Series To Begin At MC

The Sue Price Lipsey Lectureship Series will begin its first year of talks at Mississippi College next spring. Organized as the Mississippi College Humanities Lectureship in 1971, the series was renamed in honor of Mrs. Lipsey when she retired from the faculty this past spring. The change was made to honor Mrs. Lipsey for 25 years of teaching at the college and for her work as an educator. Former students and friends have shown their approval by contributing \$3,000 toward the \$10,000 goal set to finance the series. Contributions are still coming in and are gladly accepted. Why so much in honor of one wo-

man? Graduates of the college have stated plenty of reasons in letters accompanying contributions. "She always expected the best of her students," those who had her claim. "She was interested in the education of the whole person, not just in the academic sense." This is pretty good praise from students who often bemoaned getting that "hard" literature teacher in college. Now they just remember her as "demanding" and are glad she was. The main purpose of the lectureship series is not to praise this great educator, though, but to give students a chance to hear lectures of the very highest type of scholarship in the field of the humanities. With this goal in mind, even Mrs. Lipsey has contributed to the fund.



## Mississippi Newabriefs

## Just For The Record

North Calvary  
Calls New Pastor

North Calvary (Neshoba) has called Rev. James T. Bryant as pastor. Mr. Bryant is from Pontotoc. He is married to the former Kathleen Oswalt and they have three children. Mr. Bryant has formerly served as pastor to churches in Mississippi and Louisiana. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.

Minter City To  
Mark 20 Years

First Church, Minter City, will celebrate its 20th anniversary with Homecoming Day on October 27. Bob O'Neal will deliver the special message. Lunch will be served at the church after the morning service. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited.

## Waxhaw Homecoming

Homecoming will be held at Waxhaw Church October 19, the third Sunday of this month, reports B. T. Dunlap. All past and present members are invited.

Pearl Ordains New  
Pastor At Branch

Rev. Thomas W. Henderson has been ordained to the Gospel ministry by First Church, Pearl Dr. J. Roy McCann, pastor, gave the charge to the candidate. Rev. Carl E. Talbert, former pastor at Pearl, gave the charge to the church. Rev. George Robertson, superintendent of Gateway Rescue Mission and brother-in-law of the candidate, led the prayer of dedication.

Previously licensed by First, Pearl, Mr. Henderson served as interim pastor at Branch Church in Scott County. In August the Branch church called him as pastor.

Mr. Henderson was 50 years of age when he surrendered to the ministry November 1973. He served as deacon, Sunday School teacher, and Church Training director in First Church. His wife, Beatrice, has served as church secretary at the church for 13½ years, as well as Sunday School teacher and WMU director. They have three children, Tom, Cecilia and Jimmy, all grown and away from home.

At present Mr. Henderson is taking Seminary Extension courses at Mississippi College.

District IX WMU  
To Hear Missionary  
To Vietnam

The women in District IX, Women's Missionary Union are urged to attend the fall promotional meeting on the following days: First, 7 p.m.; Second, 7 p.m.

Mrs. Seab Reynolds, District IX director, announces that the speaker will be Rev. Lewis Myers, Jr., missionary to Vietnam, stationed in Danang. He is an evangelistic worker besides being chairman of the Vietnam Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries).

Mr. Myers was born in Chalybeate, grew up in Skene, and graduated from Mississippi College and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He held numerous pastorates in Mississippi, the last being at First, Sumner, before missionary appointment.

Appointed in 1960, he spent two years concentrating on language study. In 1962 he started the publication department at Baptist headquarters in Saigon and directed Baptist publication work in Vietnam from 1964 to 1968. He also produced Sunday School Lessons, evangelistic tracts and books. He has served as pastor of France Church, Saigon, participated in general evangelistic work in Saigon and helped survey nationwide evangelistic needs and opportunities, besides teaching theology courses for Vietnamese Baptist leaders.

Mrs. Myers (Toni) graduated from Mississippi College and attended Southern Seminary. She is responsible for teaching school to their four children, but she also participates in local church work. She will be remembered as a part of the Women's Trio which sang during the WMU Convention last year at Starkville.

This day meeting will conclude at noon on Tuesday.

KABWE, Zambia — Zambian Baptists have joined forces to form the Baptist Convention of Zambia. At a two-day conference here, 218 delegates from 55 churches representing three associations voted to form the first nation-wide Baptist body in the country.

Church Honors  
Pastor's Secretary

First Church, Newton honored Mrs. Jeanette D. Kirby, the pastor's secretary, in a period of special recognition on Sunday evening, September 22. Mrs. Kirby concluded four years of service on the church staff, moving to Clinton the last of September.

During the recognition period in the evening worship service she was presented a Certificate of Appreciation, and a gift of a gold watch. Hardy R. Denham, Jr., pastor of First Church, made the presentations in behalf of the church.

Mrs. Kirby joined the staff of the Newton Church in October 1970. Her initial assignment was combination church and pastor's secretary. In a reorganization of the staff in August 1973 she became the pastor's secretary.

Fellowship Burns  
Note On Remodeling

In January 1972, Fellowship Church near Ripley entered a \$12,000 renovation program. The ceiling of the sanctuary was lowered and new ceiling lights installed; walls were paneled; wall to wall carpet was put down; new pews, piano and pulpit furniture were purchased; central heat and air were installed; and a front porch was added. This year the church bought stained glass windows and is now debt free on all renovations.

Those on the Building Committee were C. R. Thurmond, Jr., chairman; Mrs. Kenneth Carter, Rev. Roy R. Marshall, pastor, and Larry Bass.

Iuka To Broadcast  
All Sunday Services

The Iuka Church is enlarging its radio ministry to include the broadcasting of both services each Sunday. WTIB-FM Iuka, and WVOM - AM Iuka, will carry the programs.

The audio portion of the services are also broadcast over the Iuka, Miss. Cablevision as well as the Savannah, Tennessee Cablevision.

Rev. Charles Dampier is pastor.

Homecoming At  
Gooden Lake

Gooden Lake Church near Belzoni will observe homecoming on October 20. There will be dinner on the ground, afternoon singing and preaching.

Rev. Paul Broadway, pastor, extends an invitation to all former members, former pastors, and friends.

Sunshine Homecoming,  
14th Anniversary

Sunshine Church, Rankin County, will celebrate its 14th anniversary October 20. All former members and pastors are invited to attend, also the public.

Rev. Shalley Vaughn will be guest speaker for morning service. There will be an old-fashioned dinner on the ground, according to Rev. Mike Willoughby, pastor.

Homecoming Set  
For Beulah (Holmes)

Annual Homecoming service will be held at the Beulah Church in Holmes County Sunday, Oct. 20, with the pastor, Rev. Joe Hill to bring the special message.

The public has been invited to attend.

Perry Association  
To Meet Oct. 21-22

The Perry County Association will meet Oct. 21-22 instead of 22-23 as erroneously reported in the Oct. 3 issue of the Baptist Record.

The body will meet Oct. 21 at Indian Springs Church and on Oct. 22 at Janice Church.



## New Zion Celebrates 50th Year

Special homecoming services were held recently to celebrate the 50th anniversary of New Zion Church (Scott Association). This church, located on Blossom Hill Road between Forest and Morton, was organized on August 24, 1924, by G. W. Gardner and H. P. Yarbrough.

The church was filled to capacity with former members and pastors in addition to the present members and friends. Rev. Lonnie Beall brought the morning message and Rev. Curtis McGee preached for the afternoon service. All former pastors were given an opportunity to reminisce about the time they served at New Zion.

Among those attending the anniversary services were seven former pastors and their families: Rev. and Mrs. W. C. McGee, of Lena, who pastored the church from 1949-50; Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Tutor, 1958-57; Rev. and Mrs. Charles Hamilton, from Milligan, Florida, 1960-61; Rev. and Mrs. Charles Jones, from Grenada, 1964; Rev. and Mrs. Lindell Ainsworth, of Pachuta, 1968; Rev. and Mrs. Gary Thornton, from Ft. Worth, Texas, 1972; and Rev. Robert Sumrall, of Gulfport, 1973-74.

Others in attendance included Mrs.

Abret Sawyer, from Magee, who is a charter member of the church, and Mrs. W. C. Wall, of Lena, whose husband was a charter member.

The current pastor, Rev. Lonnie Beall, had only been at New Zion a few weeks at the time of the anniversary. He and his wife, the former Judy Sones, live at Newton where he is a student at Clarke College. They have two sons: Joey and Matt.

## Devotional

## Run, Hide, And Turn Out The Light

By Gail DeBord, Pastor, First, Long Beach

The Missouri University Hospital has an area for incurable children. Some of them are rushing toward death, and some of them are lingering vegetables. No other experience in my ministry has so broken my heart as my visits to those children. Yet I could walk down that hallway and those kids would come running—some in the wheelchairs, some on crutches—and we could go in a little room there and visit together. O, their eyes would just light up as I would tell them stories about Jesus.

What people need today is to be willing in childlike faith to turn their lives toward Jesus. "He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not" (John 1:11). Why? Because man has always been running, and hiding, and turning out the light.

Man runs and hides from God, from church, from his responsibilities, and consequently from life. Man has been branded as the only animal in creation that has chased after false gods. From the tower of Babel to the temple of Diana, the worship of strange gods and practice of unholy living brought condemnation from the Lord. The same condemnation is pronounced on those today who sell their souls at the throne of alcohol, drugs, gambling, unchristian sex acts, or a thousand other vices of hell. And then, the ultimate blasphemy: he attempts to turn out the light. Playing "Hide and Go Seek" is always more fun at night when you can turn out the lights. Sin prospers in the darkness, but not in the light. Jesus said, "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil" (John 3:19).

And yet in their perverted way, men of sin are seeking something to bring light to their lives. Jesus promised, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12).

Baptist Hospital  
Auxiliary Marks  
Twentieth Year

Members of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital Auxiliary marked that organization's twentieth anniversary Monday by serving coffee in the hospital lobby to all visitors and to patients being admitted to the hospital.

Mrs. Fairra Green, chairman of the project, said the Auxiliary now has 110 regular members. 30 life members.

They serve the hospital and its patients in a variety of service categories.

"One unique area," said Mrs. Green, "is that our members give a birthday gift to each patient unfortunate enough to have to spend his or her birthday in the hospital. Patients have indicated deep appreciation for this attention."

"The Auxiliary also sponsors scholarships to aid persons studying for a health-related career, and our annual bazaar raises funds for this purpose and will be held this year on October 25 at the community house at Riverside Park."

Germans From Russia  
Baptize Twenty

German immigrants whose families have lived for generations in the USSR gathered 500 - strong in a baptismal service for 20 of their number at an artificial lake in Schloss Neuhaus near Paderborn, Germany.

Following this, the group went to the Baptist church in Paderborn for services including several sermons and observance of the Lord's Supper. These services lasted all afternoon for a total of five hours.

Many of the refugees had come to the West in recent months and knew little German. The services were translated into Russian. Some in their testimonies told of long years of suffering for their faith.

One of these, an elder in the church, gave an evangelistic invitation following his message and 53 persons, mostly youth, made decisions for Christ and the church.

favorable recognition for its participation therein.

"The members of Green's Creek feel a deep and everlasting sense of gratitude to their pastor and his wife for their long years of selfless and devoted service. The value of Rev. Barrett's years of faithful service to the spiritual welfare and well being of the community in which he lived and served cannot be overestimated."



Green's Creek adopted a Resolution of Appreciation for Rev. G. C. Barrett, left, and Mrs. Barrett, center, and honored the couple with a reception on September 8. Rev. John Russell, right, presents them with a copy of the resolution.

Q. C. Barrett Resigns After  
27 Years At Green's Creek

Rev. Q. C. Barrett has resigned at Green's Creek, Lebanon Association. He is retiring after having served as Green's Creek pastor for 27 years and pastor in Lebanon Association for 40 years.

On September 8, the church gave a reception honoring Rev. and Mrs. Barrett. Mr. Barrett was presented with a plaque on which Philippians 4:13 was inscribed.

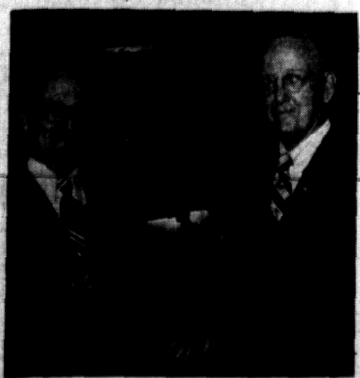
Also the church adopted a Resolution of Appreciation for their long-time pastor. In essence, this document stated:

"Rev. Quincy Caradine Barrett came to Green's Creek Church on March 1, 1947, as pastor, and has served the membership from that time to September 1, 1974."

"Mr. Barrett and his wife Stella Graham Barrett have devoted their full time to loyalty and faithfully serving the best interest of the congregation of Green's Creek Church."

"An entire generation of the membership of this church has received spiritual guidance from the teachings and the example set by the pastor and his wife, their Christian influence having been felt by all whose lives they have touched."

"During Mr. Barrett's tenure as pastor, it has been possible to great-



Rev. Q. C. Barrett, right, pastor at Green's Creek for 27 years, is presented a plaque on which Philippians 4:13 is inscribed. Rev. John Russell, interim pastor, is at left.

Services Held  
For Missionary  
Rev. J. E. Wills

Funeral services for Rev. James Edward Wills, retired Baptist preacher and missionary, were held at Webb Chapel, Newton. Mr. Wills died Thursday, Oct. 3, at Newton Hospital.

Mr. Wills was ordained in 1896 and graduated from Mississippi College. For six years he was a missionary in the Shanghai Dist., China. For 12 years he was a trustee of Mississippi College, and received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree there in 1946.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Sophia Stark Wills, Newton; four sons, Dr. J. E. Wills, Jr. of Asheville, N. C., Dr. John W. Wills of Long Beach, Calif., Joseph S. Wills of Newton and Robert J. Wills of Clinton; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Smith of Sardis; and nine grandchildren.

AMMAN, Jordan — Forty-four persons have united to organize the first Baptist church in this capital city. The church is the second to organize in Jordan this year, bringing the total in the country to seven. The congregation called Fowaz Ameish to be pastor.

Off The  
Record

The tall youngster, standing six feet ten inches, applied for a life-guard's job.

"No," the boy replied, "but I can wade just about any place."

A vociferous woman got on a transit bus and told the driver, "Let me off at Broadway."

"Certainly, madam," he said politely. "How will I know when I get to Broadway?"

"By the smile on my face, lady," said the annoyed driver.

A man is not complete until he marries. Then he's finished.

"Doc, what should I take when I'm rundown?"

"The license number!"

One nice thing about egotists: They don't talk about other people.

A lawyer's biggest asset is his "lie ability."

Customer: This restaurant must have a remarkably clean kitchen.

Manager: Thank you, sir. But how did you know?

Customer: Everything tastes like soap.

To make a long story short, there's nothing like the boss walking in.

It will generally be found that those who sneer habitually at human nature, and tend to despise it, are among its worst and least pleasant samples.

From an Andover, Connecticut want ad: "Free organic mouse traps—four weeks old and adorable, two black males and three white females."

When a baby starts to walk, mother starts to run.

Compliments are like perfume. They should be inhaled, but not swallowed.

Dieting has been defined as "the penalty for exceeding the feed limit."

A philosopher likened marriage to a violin: After the beautiful music is over, the strings are still attached.